

SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA : The non-recurring expenditure for each mobile hospital is about Rs. 3.10 lakhs. There is supervisory staff to look after its affairs.

SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : My question was whether this unit would act as a supervisory body over the permanent units which were already functioning?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : It is a Centrally sponsored scheme and it is directly under a special officer for the purpose, namely an O.S.D.

श्री हुकम चन्द कक्षबाब : जो शरणार्थी भा रहे हैं और जितनी संख्या में वे भा रहे हैं उसको देखते हुए क्या आप यह समझते हैं कि पतालों की जो संख्या है वह पर्याप्त है और जो उनकी आवश्यकताएं हैं उनको वह पूरी कर रही है? यदि नहीं तो उनकी आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए आप क्या व्यवस्था कर रहे हैं? क्या राज्य सरकार भी अपने खर्चों पर कोई अस्पताल चला रही है? यदि हां, तो कुल कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है?

श्री उमाशंकर बीजित : माननीय सदस्य ने प्रश्न पर ध्यान नहीं दिया। यह प्रश्न केन्द्र-मेडिकल यूनिट के बारे में है जो 10 फीस-पचास बिस्तर वाले हैं। जो रिफ्यूजी हैं उनमें हैं उनके बारे में तो काफी सारी भ्रमण से व्यवस्थाएँ हैं। उससे इसको कृपा करके मिलावे नहीं।

**Construction Work of Government Press,
Koratty**

*914. **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of the Government Press at Koratty, Trichur, District, Kerala has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay; and

(c) when the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Press went into production on the 23rd October, 1966.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Out of the 105 acres of land acquired by the State Government at a high price, 95 per cent had not been utilised. Also in one machine, the machineman is not there; the capacity is not fully utilised. What are the reasons for this, and will Government do anything to see that as far as possible all the machines are fully utilised?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : So far as the machines are concerned, we have not started the second shift due to shortage of paper. The moment adequate supply of paper is available, utilisation would naturally improve. As for the land, we are making use of it, provision has been made for further expansion also.

SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Has the Labour Union there sent a memorandum alleging irregularities and corruption in the management and offering to substantiate the allegations? If so, will Government initiate an inquiry into the matter?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : I require notice.

Amendment of Indo-Ceylon Agreement

*915. **SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal for getting the Indo-Ceylon agreement amendment and whether in this regard any suggestions have been received from the Ceylonese Government; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : How many people, according to para 3 of the Agreement, have been granted Ceylon citizenship so far out of the 300,000 people Ceylon has agreed to take into her citizenship ?

MR. SPEAKER : The question was about amendment of the Agreement. He answered 'no'. How he is asking about statistics. He should have given separate notice for that.

SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF : It pertains to the main agreement.

MR. SPEAKER : Some water in the empty bucket ? No.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : One of the terms of the Agreement is that the Ceylon Government would pay some compensation to all repatriates.

May I know whether the Ceylon Government are fulfilling that ?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : They are.

Oil Exploration Policy

*917. **SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are working on the outline of a new oil exploration policy designed to yield quick results ;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal ; and

(c) the time by which it would be announced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c). Government are not considering any new exploration policy as such. They are, however, considering ways and means to expedite the seismic surveys and exploration of the other promising areas lying in our Continental Shelf, having finalized the arrangements for drilling in the Bombay High area.

On land, steps have been taken to extend exploration to promising areas like Tripura where large-scale petroleum accumulations are anticipated.

Drilling of deep wells to locate deep oil deposits are also proposed. Detailed techno-economic study of the oil and gas potential in the country is being made by ONGC with the assistance of Soviet experts, and their report is expected by September, 1971.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Which are the other promising areas besides Tripura and the Bombay High region where survey have so far been conducted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : So far as seismic surveys are concerned, they are being conducted in the Kaveri basin, in the Punjab, in Jammu and Kashmir, in Assam and in Gujarat.

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : What is the preliminary report that has been received by the Government of India so far as the Kaveri basin is concerned ?

SHRI P. C. SETHI : The Kaveri basin is reported to be somewhat promising, but the detailed report has not yet come. The work is still on.

SHRI INDER J. MALHOTRA : May I know at what stage the survey is in Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRI P. C. SETHI : So far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, we are drilling in the Surin-Mastgar area in Jammu. This is a very deep well. We have got only one deep drilling rig which is being deployed there. The work is going on, although the progress of the work is not very satisfactory.

SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH : May I know if there has been any such survey carried out in the region of M. P.

SHRI P. C. SETHI : No, Sir.

SHRI AMRIT NAHATA : May I know whether the drilling and exploration work of gas in Jaisalmer is progressing. What are the expectations of the Government ?