

was appropriate. Of this, excluding food and related assistance which are also non-project assistance, the aid for maintenance requirements is expected to be \$900 million for 1967-68. The contribution of each of the members of the Consortium will be made known after the completion of necessary legislative and governmental action in the respective countries. The share of U.S. contribution to the said non-project assistance has not yet been announced.

2. The Consortium did not consider project aid. As and when projects get ready, proposals for aid financing are taken up on an ad-hoc basis.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Steel Pipes for Barauni Oil Refinery

*1422. Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri A. Sreedharan:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a consignment of steel pipes intended for the Barauni Oil Refinery which reached Calcutta Port was auctioned by the Port authorities;

(b) whether this matter was taken up by the Soviet officials here during the construction period; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) No, Sir.

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

Import of Crude Oil

* 1423. Shri M. Amersey: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import crude oil and refine it in the Indian refineries which have an idle capacity of 3 million tonnes and thus

reduce dependence on the Soviet Union for the supply of kerosene oil; and

(b) whether it is a fact that kerosene refining in India, by either importing crude oil or by supplying it from our own oil-fields is far cheaper than importing it from the U.S.S.R.?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). The answer to (a) is in the negative. The production of all fuel products, excepting kerosene, from the existing refineries in the country, at their present throughputs, is more than adequate to meet the current requirements of the country. Since virtually all the indigenous crude being produced is being utilised, it will not be possible to increase refinery throughputs save by further imports of crude oil. Such imports will be far more costly than the import of the gap in kerosene supply.

लेखाबाह्य धन का पता लगाना

*1424. डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :
श्री रवि राय :

क्या वित्त मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या उन्हें लेखा बाह्य धन का पता लगाने के बारे में कुछ फिल्म निर्माताओं और निदेशकों से कुछ सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वित्त मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त): (क) जी, हां। लेखा बाह्य धन को बाहर निकालने के बारे में एक सुझाव एक फिल्म निर्माता तथा निदेशक से प्राप्त हुआ था।

(ख) सुझाव स्वीकार करने योग्य नहीं पाया गया।