

| Year    | Rs. in crore |
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| 2004-05 | 1,235        |
| 2005-06 | 1,562        |
| 2006-07 | 2,381        |
| 2007-08 | 1,632        |
| 2008-09 | 1,272        |

(c) The ongoing 2nd phase expansion of NALCO was approved by the Government of India in October, 2004 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,091.51 crores (at July, 2003 price level) which has since been revised to Rs. 4,402 crores (at November, 2008 price level). The escalation is mainly due to change in scope, change in statutory levies and duties, besides exchange rate variation and on account of changes in price index.

(d) In view of allegations of sexual harassment made by a lady employee, the then Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of NALCO was asked to proceed on leave in February, 2004. Additional charge arrangements for the post of CMD were made by appointing a functional Director in his place. In view of an injunction from the Delhi High Court, the process for regular filling up of the post of CMD, NALCO, could not be initiated, till the expiry of the tenure of the charged officer. However, a proposal for appointing a regular incumbent to the post of CMD, NALCO has been moved for approval of the competent authority.

#### Scholarship for Muslims

2499.SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 20 lakh Muslims in Andhra Pradesh are eagerly waiting for scholarships;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) what funds Government has released and spent so far for the current year in each State, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Funds have not been released to any of the States/UTs under the scholarship schemes for the current year as no proposals have been received from them.

#### Low returns on Wakf properties

2500.SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: