

SETTING UP OF REFINERY IN THE NORTH WESTERN REGION

127. SHRI K. SUNDARAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expert team appointed by the Government to study the feasibility of setting up a refinery for the north western region have submitted their feasibility report ;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the study team ; and

(c) the decision if any, taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND NON-FERROUS METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) Government have not appointed any expert team to study the feasibility of setting up a refinery for north western region.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY OF REPUBLIC DAY

128. SHRI DEV DATT PURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of electricity consumed on the last Republic Day celebrations and the rehearsals prior to that ; and

(b) what were the reasons for not doing anything to conserve electric power for use in needed sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The assessed value of electricity consumed is Rs 17,567.

(b) Compared to previous year, the illumination time was reduced by one hour this year to conserve electric power.

CAUSES FOR DEFECTS IN EYES

129. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Statesman of 21st January, 1971 that Dr. L. P. Aggarwal, Organizing Secretary of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness and Secretary General of the All India Ophthalmological Society has stated that "medical profession connected with ophthalmology is of the view that children who start reading and writing before attaining the age are likely to develop defects in their eyes"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) Yes. The unanimous view expressed at the subsequent symposium held recently was that children should not be permitted to strain their eyes for reading and writing before attaining the age of five years as otherwise they are likely to develop defects in their eyes. As such, till the age of 5 years, teaching in Kinder Gartens should only be through the Audio-visual aids.

(b) This is a matter for further examination by the Education Ministry who are being addressed in the matter.

चीनी तथा पाकिस्तानी आक्रमणों से सैनिक शिक्षा

130. श्री राम सहाय : क्या रक्षा मंत्री 11 नवम्बर, 1970 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 136 के दिये गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि नेफा में चीनी आक्रमण के सम्बन्ध में हैंडर्सन ब्रूक्स रिपोर्ट के और 1965 के पाकिस्तानी आक्रमण से संबंधित सैनिक कार्यकलाप के अध्ययन और विश्लेषण से जो सैनिक शिक्षा ग्रहण की गई है उसका व्यौरा क्या है और इन शिक्षकों पर उपवारी कदम उठाकर कहाँ तक अमल किया गया है ?