

and Chief Commissioner of Delhi in protest against the poet and the editor of the magazine; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what action Government have taken against the poet, publisher and editor of the magazine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Delhi Administration issued orders on 26th August 1964 under Section 99A of the Cr. P.C. forfeiting all the copies of the August 1964 issue of "Shama" in which the poem was published. The editor of this Monthly also published an apology.

TOUR OF SECRETARY, I.C.C.R.

297. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 600 in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th December, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the Secretary, Indian Council of Cultural Relations drew a fixed conveyance allowance of Rs. 100 P.M. during the period he was away on tour in 1959; and

(b) whether it is a fact that he drew as T.A. and D.A. the sum of Rs. 2,126 for that period and not the sum of Rs. 1368.19 as stated in answer to part (b) of Unstarred Question referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

INSTALLATION OF LIFT IN AZAD BHAWAN

298. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 512 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1964 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the building Committee had decided against the installation of the lift in Azad Bhawan;

(b) whether it is a fact that bills for Rs. 59,226 on account of construction of the

above-mentioned lift were outstanding as on the 25th September, 1964; and

(c) if so, whether the Secretary, I.C.C.R., has addressed a letter in this connection on the 23rd December, 1964 to the Superintending Surveyor of Works, Zone I, C.P.W.D.?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA) : (a) The Building Committee decided to defer the project, if necessary, but as the order had already been placed and its cancellation or postponement would have involved a financial loss, the project was executed with the approval of the Chairman, Building Committee and the President of the Council.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

PROSPECTS OF FINDING OIL IN DIFFERENT REGIONS

299. D.WAN CHAMAN LALL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether oil has recently been struck in the State of Madras and, if so, where and at what depth;

(b) whether there are good prospects of finding oil in and around Calcutta and in the Punjab; and

(c) in view of recent explorations what is the Ministry's latest overall estimate of finding more oil in the different regions of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) :

(a) Traces of oil and gas have been found in a well drilled at Karaikal.

(b) There are prospects of finding oil/gas in the foot-hill area of Punjab and the area south-east of Calcutta but it is not yet possible to make any definite assessment of these prospects.

(c) Apart from the established oil field at Ankleshwar and gas field at Cambay in Gujarat, oil deposits have been found in Kalol and Navagaon areas in Gujarat, and in the Rudrasagar and Lakwa areas in Assam. Exploration is also in progress in

other areas of Gujarat and Assam as well as in other regions in which oil has not been struck so far, e.g. Coromandal coast, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu and Jaisalmer. All these areas are promising but it is not possible to say, at this stage, to what extent commercial oil/gas deposits will be found in these areas.

#### HALDIA REFINERY

300. { SHRI U. S. DUGAL :  
SHRI SHIARAM JAIPURIA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS: be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rumanian Government have made a package offer for collaboration in the setting up of Haldia Refinery and a Petro-chemical complex;

(b) if so, what are the details of the offer; and

(c) what progress, generally has been made so far in setting up this Refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) and (b). The Rumanian Government have shown interest in these projects but have not yet given a detailed proposal.

(c) The proposed product pattern has been announced and offers for collaboration invited by 15th April, 1965.

#### OIL IN MADRAS OFF-SHORE AREAS AND GULF OF KUTCH

301. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Minister of the Soviet Union who was on a visit to India recently had suggested the possibilities of discovering considerable deposits of oil in the off-shore areas of Madras and in the Gulf of Kutch; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in accordance with these suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) Yes, Sir. H.E. Mr. A. V. Sidorenko, Minister of Geology and Conservation of Mineral Resources, U.S.S.R., made a sug-

gestion to this effect during the course of a Press Conference on January 16, 1965.

(b) Off-shore seismic surveys of the Coromandal coast and in the Gulf of Kutch from a Soviet seismic survey ship were begun last year. Seismic surveys are also under way on land in Kutch and seismic and drilling operations are being carried out on land in Coromandal Coast.

#### QUTAB MINAR IN DELHI

302. { SHRI P. ABRAHAM :  
SHRI S. C. DEB :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Qutab Minar in Delhi is leaning out two feet at its top; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter of its preservation ?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI R. M. HAJARNAVIS) : (a) Yes, Sir, the Minar has an inclination of about 25 inches at the top.

(b) The Government has appointed an Expert Committee for recommending measures for the preservation of the monument.

#### INVESTIGATION INTO ASSASSINATION OF SARDAR P. S. KAIRON

303. { SHRI P. ABRAHAM :  
DIWAN CHAMAN LALL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigations have given any help to the Punjab Police in the investigation of the assassination of Sardar Pratap Singh Kairon on the 6th February, 1965; and

(b) whether the culprits have been arrested ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.