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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid cm the Table of the House.

## REWARDS ON THE DISCOVERY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS

120. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHE MICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for rewarding persons for giving information leading to the discovery of oil and natural gas in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(•b) the number of applications received. State-wise, for the grant of such rewards during the years 1957 to 1963, year-wise; and

(c) the number of applicants granted rewards, State-wise during the above period and the amount of reward given in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

## APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR IN THE REGIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, JAMMU

121. SHRIMATI TARA RAMCHAN-DRA SATHE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an officer who had to leave the Hindustan Antibiotics under unfavourable circumstances, has been selected for appointment as Director of the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu;

(b) whether any enquiry was conducted against him; if so, what were the findings; and

(c) why the post was not advertised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) and (b) Offer of appointment as Director, Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu has been made to an officer who is a permanent employee of the Haffkine Institute, Bombay (Maharashtra Government). This officer was on deputation for some period <sup>3t</sup> the Hindustan Antibiotics, Pimpri and reverted to his permanent post in the Haffkine Institute, Bombay on administrative grounds. No enquiry or departmental proceedings were conducted against him.

(c) In accordance with the decision of the Governing Body of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research vacant posts of Directors of National Laboratories are not required to be necessarily advertised.

## RESIGNATIONS BY OFFICERS OF H.M.T. BANGALORE

122. SHRI MULKA GOVINDA REDDY; Will the Minister of Steel, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any top ranking officers of the Hindustan Machine Tools, Bangalore, have recently resigned from their posts;

(b) if so, what are their designations;

(c) whether the resignations have been accepted by Government; if 10. when they were accepted; and

(d) what are the reasons for their resignations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) to (d) Shri M. K. Ma-thulla, Chairman and Managing Director, and Shri D. Rajagopal, Personnel ManagJec-cum-Town Administrator, Hindustan Machine Tools Limited, resigned their respective offices with