

Bengal basin has been very informative in its results. We have got valuable information. It has been a failure no doubt just as oil explorations have been at many places.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I agree that we have got information. I come from that place. But have we got . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't monopolise all the questions.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether any private companies are at work in the exploration of oil at the moment and, if so, whether Government have assessed the results of the exploration work of these companies as compared with the results of the Government undertakings?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I thought the hon. Member knew about it that for decades the Assam Oil Company which is associated with the Burmah-Shell Oil Company has been working in Assam and we have entered into a partnership with them on minority party basis—33 1/3 per cent. ours and 66 2/3 per cent. theirs. This Company is known as Oil India Limited. They are producing crude oil, they are doing exploration of oil in a part of Assam and they are doing their work fairly well.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Are the Government going to undertake exploration of oil in the Bengal basin again? If so, . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: When?

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Yes, if so, when and through which type of companies, Government-owned or private-owned companies?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir, we have a programme to start searching for oil in the Bengal basin also. The programme is being examined and perhaps in the Third Plan period we might start drilling at one or two places.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: He has not answered the point.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE

*480. **SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:** Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial assistance given to the Administrative Staff College by the Government of India in the year 1958-59 was given on *ad hoc* basis or *per capita* basis; and

(b) the contribution made by the various industries to the College in the year 1958-59?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR):

(a) The basis was that the Central Government should give a block grant of Rs. 3.00 lakhs to meet 50 per cent. of the anticipated recurring expenditure. The balance should be met by the College from its own resources.

(b) Rs. 3,16,800.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, the number of trainees trained so far?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The total up to the ninth Session was 392.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Which are the industries which have made this contribution mainly?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: It is a fairly long list, but I can give the number. The number of patrons in the current year was 11, who paid Rs. 20,000 a year. The number of ordinary members was 104, and associate members 47. Now, Sir, it is a very long list.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if these industrialists are making these contributions on an *ad hoc* basis or on a *per capita* basis?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: There is no question of *ad hoc* payments. There are definite rules. 'Patron' means that a company undertakes to pay Rs. 20,000 a year for at least five years. 'Ordinary member' means that a company undertakes to pay Rs. 2,000 a year for at least five years. 'Associate member' means that each pays Rs. 600 a year.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Should not this Administrative Staff College be under the Home Ministry?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: That is a matter of opinion.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Why is it under the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs and not under the Home Ministry?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Because it is training of higher personnel.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: How many of those trained were nominees of the Government, and how many were nominees of the private industry?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Sir, I can give the figures of Government expenditure and the hon. Member can work out the number. I have not broken them up separately. Government in 1957-58 paid Rs. 23,200.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: I am asking for the number.

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: The number will follow from that. For nominee fees of Rs. 2,400 has to be paid.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What he wants is: How many people were nominated by Government and how many by private agencies?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: This is what I was suggesting, Sir. If Rs. 23,000 were paid by the Government, presumably it was about 10 people, because Rs. 2,400 is the fee

per nominee. In 1958-59 it was Rs. 1,13,000. In 1959-60 it was Rs. 66,000. Therefore, the figures can be worked out. I have not worked them out.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Have the industries in the public sector also contributed to the funds of the College?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: Of course, Sir; many of these are from the public sector.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if such Administrative Staff Colleges are going to be opened in other States too?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: This Administrative Staff College is for the whole of India, but we are thinking of two other institutions in other parts of India.

REVISION OF PAY-SCALES OF ASSISTANTS

*481. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the revision of the scale of pay of Assistants, consequent on the representations made by the Assistants' Associations against the acceptance of the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission in this regard;

(b) if so, what is that decision; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the decision is likely to be taken and what are the reasons which are delaying decision in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After very careful consideration of all the relevant factors Government have decided that it is not feasible to improve the 'revised' scale of pay already prescribed on the spe-