

VISIT OF PAKISTAN C. I. D. CHIEF TO INDIA

*90. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief of the Pakistan C.I.D. recently visited India, and if so, whether it was at the invitation of the Government of India;

(b) what was the purpose of his visit and what was the duration of his stay;

(c) whether Government were aware of the places he was scheduled to visit during his stay in India; and

(d) what were the places visited by him and for what purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM BIHAR TO WEST BENGAL

*91. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to transfer some areas of the State of Bihar to the State of West Bengal in compensation to its loss of Berubari;

(b) if so, what areas are likely to be transferred; and

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has agreed to such a transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI P. C. MITRA: May I know, Sir, whether there is any truth in the report that there was some discussion about the transfer of Saraikela and

Kharsawan from Bihar to Orissa in the last meeting of the zonal Council of Eastern States?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Sir, that is entirely a different question. As you will find, Sir, the matter relates to Berubari, and the question was whether any part of Bihar's territory was to be transferred to West Bengal. It has nothing to do with Saraikela and Kharsawan.

*92. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answer vide cols. 601-02 infra.]

SETTING UP OF A REFINERY IN THE SOUTH

*93. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a million ton refinery is going to be set-up in the South during the Third Five Year Plan with the help of Italian credit?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): No, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister has seen this news item almost in all the important newspapers that some proposal of setting up a refinery in the South is under consideration?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Sir, this question of having a refinery in the South was certainly considered by the Government in all its implications but taking into consideration the future expansion capacity of our existing refineries and those that are to be set up, there seems to be no need just now, in the Third Plan, to plan for any refinery based on imported crude oil. If we have to think of setting up a refinery in the South we have to import crude oil. It is not contemplated just now to have any new refinery in the South. Anyway, Sir, if our requirements increase, we shall certainly consider this matter.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how much time generally it takes to set up such a

refinery and also whether, keeping in view the great prospects of crude oil being produced in the country itself, the hon. Minister is thinking of planning for the future?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: All the crude oil that is now before our eyes and which we hope to produce in the next four or five years is sufficient for our existing refineries and also for those that are under contemplation. In the South we are going to have exploration done in the Cauvery Basin and if we are successful, it will not be difficult for us to set up a refinery there. Generally it takes 35 or 36 months to plan and instal a refinery.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Was there any offer from the Italian Government to assist the Indian Government in setting up this refinery and whether that assistance is going to be utilised in the future?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir, the general offer of credit for a refinery or for another aspect of oil industry is there not only from Italy but also from other sources and we shall examine it when we need it.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Have any talks or negotiations taken place between the Government of India and the Italian Government in respect of the establishment of a refinery, or for oil prospecting either in the South or anywhere else in India?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There have been some negotiations going on between the Government of India and the Italian public sector company for the development of oil industry or for prospecting. But there is no specific proposal for setting up a refinery.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Sir, I would like to know whether the establishment of a refinery in the South is based on the premise that oil is found in the Cauvery Basin.

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir. If oil is found in the Cauvery Basin, we shall most certainly and very

actively consider the question of having a refinery established there.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Not otherwise?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Not otherwise, because we have already had enough capacity here in our refineries. What shall we do with the oil that is to be produced in the South?

OUTPUT OF SHIP-BUILDING QUALITY STEEL

*94. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the steel factories which are producing the ship-building quality steel; and

(b) the total yearly output and the total requirements of such steel for the ship-building industry?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) Tata Iron & Steel Company and Rourkela Steel Plant of the Hindustan Steel Limited.

(b) The total requirement of ship plates are estimated at about 30,000 tons. This can be met by Tatas and Rourkela.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister has received this complaint that the ship-building targets have been delayed because the supply of steel has been very irregular?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I have not received any complaint to that effect, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if the requirements will be fulfilled by the existing units of steel production in the near future, keeping in view the progress made by the Visakhapatnam Shipyard?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Sir, the annual requirement of Hindustan