

of reference of the committee they had in mind. The Companies have jointly suggested that a Government-cum-Industry Committee should be set up—

(i) to examine the pattern which will emerge, and recommend necessary transport arrangements for the movement of refined petroleum products throughout India following the commissioning of the Government refineries at Gauhati and Barauni; and

(ii) to examine ways and means of resolving imbalance between production of refined products in the refineries in India (including Gauhati and Barauni) and the consumption requirements of the country.

The likely production pattern of the Barauni Refinery will be known only after the discussion currently in progress with representatives of the USSR Government are concluded. It would then be possible to decide whether it will be necessary to have such a Committee and if so, what should be its composition and terms of reference.

OIL EXPLORATION

•196. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any new proposal for oil exploration before Government; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the nature of the proposal and the decision of Government on it?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) (i) It is proposed to obtain from the West German Government one or two seismic teams together with necessary equipment etc. offered by them to assist the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the field of geophysical exploration.

(ii) The French Institute of Petroleum have also expressed their willingness to assist the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in exploration. Their detailed proposal is awaited.

DELHI POLYTECHNIC

32. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the students of Architecture studying in the Delhi Polytechnic regarding injustice done to them in the examinations held in April-May, 1959; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make an enquiry into the allegations made by the students?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (SPRI HUMAYUN KABIR) : (a) Government have received a copy of a representation addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University,

(b) The matter concerns the University and therefore Government do not propose to make any enquiry.

LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE FROM ASSAM OIL-FIELDS TO BARAUNI

33. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted a loan of 13 million Sterling from the British Government for meeting part of the cost of construction of the proposed pipeline from the Assam oil-fields to Barauni in Bihar; and

(b) if so, on what terms?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) The Government have accepted a loan of £3 million and not £ 13 million from the U.K. Government for meeting part of the foreign