

SHRI PRASAD RAO: Are they financial difficulties, technical difficulties or political difficulties?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: There is no political difficulty. The difficulties are all economic and technical.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know since when this matter is under the consideration of the Government and the oil refineries?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: I cannot give the exact date but it has been under consideration for some time.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: May I know whether bitumen is not one of the bye-products and whether that is not being saved for purposes of road construction?

SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA: Yes, Sir, bitumen is one of the bye-products which is being produced.

FREE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR WOMEN TEACHERS

♦161. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the names of the States which have so far taken advantage of the Union Government's scheme to give grant for the provision of free residential quarters for women teachers?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): 1957-58— Bihar, Orissa, and West Bengal;

1958-59 (to-date)—West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh.

SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: May I know the reasons why the States are so chary of taking these grants?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: This is a question which should really be put to the State Governments. All that we can do is to draw their repeated attention to taking advantage of this offer.

SHRI B. P. BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know whether the Central Government has fixed any quota?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: We pay 75 per cent, of the cost of the scheme.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know whether these grants are meant for the rural areas or are meant also for the urban areas?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It is primarily meant for the rural areas.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: What is the basis of these grants? Is the whole expenditure met by grants given by the Centre or is some percentage to be paid by the States also?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I have already said, Sir, that 75 per cent, of the cost is met by the Central Government.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA-NAND: How much money have been paid to Madhya Pradesh for this scheme?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I am afraid I cannot give the break-up.

THEFTS AT ORDNANCE FACTORY, MURADNAGAR

*162. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thefts which occurred at Ordnance Factory, Muradnagar, during the years 1955, 1956 and 1957 and the amount of loss which resulted therefrom; and

(b) the action since taken to stop such recurrences in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH): (a) A total of four thefts occurred during the years 1955, 1956 and 1957,