

SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI: The Committee was appointed for the purpose of reviewing our building projects considering that very nearly one thousand crores of rupees under the Plan would be spent on buildings. The composition of the Committee is:

Shri S. K. Patil

Dr. A. Carbone, Director, National Buildings Organisation —Member ex-officio.

Shri Sarup Singh, Formerly Director, N.B.O.—Member.

Shri T. S. Vedagiri—*Secretary*. In addition, the Director, Central Buildings Research Institute, is also consulted on technical problems.

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS EMPLOYEES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF HINDI

*598. SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total number of employees of the Government of India who have no knowledge of Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

OIL EXPLORATION

*599. SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where efforts have been made by Government for exploring oil since 1951;

(b) the amount of money spent by Government thereon; and

(c) the quantity of oil discovered as a result of those explorations?

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND OIL (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) Since October, 1955, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (formerly Directorate) has explored the following areas: — Gogha, Cambay and Kutch in Bombay State; Hoshiarpur, Janauri Dharamsala, Bhal, Mandi and Jawalmukhi in the Punjab; Jaisalmer and Ramgarh in Rajasthan. Under the Indo-Stanvac Project in which the Government of India have a 25 per cent, interest, the Standard Vacuum Oil Company explored certain areas in West Bengal and took up test drilling near Burdwan and Galsi.,

(b) The total amount of expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is Rs. 133,97,927. The contribution of the Government of India to the Indo-Stanvac Project since conclusion of the Agreement in December 1953 is Rs. 1,08,78,836.

(c) Nil so far.

t [BOOKS PUBLISHED IN INDIA BY FOREIGN PUBLISHERS

*603. PROF. DR. RAGHU VIRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC

भारत में विदेशी प्रकाशकों द्वारा
प्रकाशित पुस्तकें

*६०३ प्रो० डा० रघुवीर : क्या शिक्षा तथा वैज्ञानिक शोध मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :
— (क) भारत में कितने विदेशी प्रकाशक हैं ; और
(ख) यह प्रकाशक कितने मूल्य की पुस्तकों का प्रति वर्ष प्रकाशन करते हैं ?

RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign publishers are there in India; and

(b) what is the total value of books published by these publishers every year?]

†[] English translation.