RUMANIAN EXPERTS FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN JWALAMUKHI AREA

*642. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO : Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state :

(a) whether any experts from Rumania have been invited for explo ration of oil in the Jwalamukhi area in Punjab; and

(b) if so, when they are expected to arrive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI): (a) Only drill riggers and operating crew from Rumania are expected to come to Jwalamukhi to erect and operate an oil drill.

(b) They are expected to arrive in October 1956.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO : May 1 know what are the terms and conditions on which these experts have been invited?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The following stipulations have been made in the contract:

The supplier undertakes to provide necessary technical guidance for the proper erection and operation of the drilling rig and other equipment. He also undertakes to train a sufficient number of Indian crew to operate, repair and maintain the equipment. Technicians required for erection shall be provided free of charge for one drilling rig. During the period of training of the local crew the supplier shall make available the services of technical personnel mentioned below to operate the equipment and train the local crew for a period of six months at a cost not exceeding Rs. 5,47,400 excluding income-tax if any.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO : May I know whether the experts will visit any other place in India ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: Their main function is to work at the site where the plant is being put up.

SHRI MAHESHWAR NAIK : May I know whether the exploration work has been started in the Jwalamukhi area ? !—33 Rajya Sabha/56 DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : Not yet.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSSIAN : How long are they expected to stay in this country and how much money will be spent on them ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I had mentioned the conditions just now.. I would also mention that to start with they will be here for siic months.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSSIAN : Do I take it that within six months these Rumanians will go back to their own country ? Or, if they remain here, how much money Government of India will spend on them ?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI : I have answered the question. The contract has been made for six months. It will be seen after six months whether their services are necessary.

चोरी से लाया गया सोना

*६४३. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जुलाई और अगस्त, १९४६ में भारत यें चोरी से लाया गया कितना सोना पकड़ा गया: और

(ख) क्या सरकार को उन देशों का पता चल गया है, जहां से यह सोना लाया गया ?

■(•[SMUGGLED GOLD

*643. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister for FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of smuggled gold seized in India during July and August, 1956; and

(b) whether Government have found out the countries from which the same was smuggled ?]

राजस्व तथा व्यय मंत्री (श्री ए० सी० गुह): (क) कस्टम अफसरों ने भारत में जुलाई और अगस्त १९४६ में कुल ४४,०२३ तोला सोना पकडा।

(ख) सभी मामलों में तो पता नहीं चला है, परन्तु कुछ मामलों में यह पता चला कि

[†]English translation.