

**SURVEY OF THE BRAHAMAPUTRA VALLEY FOR
EXPLORATION OF OIL**

*459. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA: Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the Brahmaputra Valley for exploration of oil-fields is being carried out; if so, by whom;

(b) whether the Government of India are in any way connected with this survey;

(c) whether concessions have been granted to anybody for the exploration of oil in this region; if so, on what terms; and

(d) what is the nature of the survey operations which are being carried out now and what results have been achieved so far?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the survey is being carried out by the Assam Oil Company Ltd., with the permission of the Government of India.

(c) Yes, Sir. A prospecting licence for 0.55 square miles has been granted to the Assam Oil Co. Ltd., under the Petroleum Concession Rules, 1949.

(d) An aeromagnetic survey was started on the 10th December 1953 and is in progress.

**GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES**

288. SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the institutions to which grants were made during the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 out of the provision made in the budgets of these years for the promotion of educational and cultural activities, and what was the amount of each such grant;

(b) whether there were any conditions attached to these grants; if so, what are these conditions; and

(c) whether the grants were made by instalments or in one lump sum?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 159.]

(b) Different conditions are attached to different categories of institutions and each application is considered on merits. A set of general conditions for grants to all-India institutions or societies in the educational, cultural and allied fields is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, Annexure No. 160.]

(c) Grants are paid both in one lump sum and in instalments according to the needs of the institutions.

**TRAINING IN THE PRODUCTION OF
AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS**

289. SHRI V. S. SARWATE: Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many courses for training in the production of Audio-Visual aids were held during the year 1952-53 and so far in the year 1953-54;

(b) how many students from each of the States attended these courses; and

(c) what was the expenditure incurred on each course?

THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD): (a) 1952-53—One at Delhi from November 1952 to February 1953. 1953-54—One at Mysore from March 1953 to May 1953.

(b) Delhi course was attended by 25 students in all:

13 from Delhi.

4 from Bihar,

1 from Jammu and Kashmir,