

Starred Question No. 99 on the 19th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether it has been finally decided to produce lubricating oil in the refinery to set up at Barauni;

(b) what additional steps are being taken to produce lubricating oil in the country;

(c) whether any firm has been asked to submit a project report for the establishment of lubricating oil plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (d). The matter is still under consideration.

Harassment of Scheduled Castes and Tribes

*1555. Shri B. K. Galkwad: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is authorised to submit reports to the President of India in case of harassment to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, how many such complaints of harassment have been reported by the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the year 1958-59 so far; and

(c) what action Government have taken in redressing such complaints?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) Yes.

(b) The Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has not made any such report during 1958-59.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Limestone for Durgapur Steel Plant

*1558. Shri Maraka: Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given

to Starred Question No. 89 on the 19th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a permanent source of limestone for Durgapur Steel Works has not been finalised yet; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the same?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (b). In my reply to Starred Question No. 89 on 19th November, 1958 I have already explained that for the first few years of operation of the Durgapur Steel Plant limestone would be drawn from existing sources in the Birmitrapur-Hathibari area of Orissa. This source will also supply Rourkela, but it may not be able to supply full requirements of both the steel plants when they are expanded. Other sources of limestone are, therefore, being investigated.

Bonus to Employees of Life Insurance Corporation

*1560. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri P. C. Beroach:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation have declared bonus to its employees for the year 1957; and

(b) what is their proposal for bonus for the year 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. K. Bhagat): (a) Life Insurance Corporation have offered a Bonus equal to one month's basic salary to its employees in supervisory, clerical and subordinate cadres drawing a basic salary not exceeding Rs. 500 p.m., who agree to give up the benefit of the Free Insurance Scheme.

(b) This has not yet been considered.