

Dugda Coal Washery

- *444. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
 Shri R. C. Majhi:
 Shri Barman:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the Dugda Coal Washery is completed;

(b) if so, when it was completed; and

(c) whether it has been commissioned for washing coal?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) and (c). Construction of Dugda Coal Washery has been practically completed. The Washery is expected to go into production during December, 1961.

Gujarat Oil Refinery

*445. **Shri M. B. Thakore** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any further progress regarding the setting up of an oil refinery in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply is in the negative, what time it will take to finalise an agreement with the Government of Gujarat in this regard?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following further progress has been made in setting up of the refinery:

(i) The location of the refinery near Koyali has been decided and acquisition of 1374 acres of land is under way.

(ii) Site data and other information necessary for designing the civil and mechanical work of the refinery have been col-

lected and forwarded to the Soviet authorities.

(iii) A study of the plan for the distribution of Refinery production is in hand through the agency of the Indian Institute of Petroleum.

(iv) Crude samples have been sent to the U.S.S.R. for analysis as a basis for the refinery design.

(v) A delegation is, visiting Moscow to finalise details about the time schedule for the project, design and materials, responsibilities, product pattern etc.

(c) The proposal of the Government of Gujarat for participation in the share capital of the Gujarat Refinery is under examination of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

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*446. **Shri Balraj Madhok:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum percentage of marks required from Scheduled Caste and non-Scheduled Caste applicants admitted into Pandit G. B. Pant Polytechnic, New Delhi from the category of Matriculates, Intermediates and Graduates respectively;

(b) whether there have been complaints that students with less marks have been admitted superseding the rights of the students with better marks; and

(c) if so, what action have Government taken to satisfy such complaints?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No minimum percentage of marks for Scheduled Castes and non-Scheduled Castes applicants was fixed. However, all the Scheduled Castes candidates who had applied for admission and were eligible otherwise were admitted.