

(b) if so, whether Government have asked for some experts' opinion in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No such information in respect of village Katwal is available with the Oil and Natural Gas Commission. Two water samples from villages Hasangarh and Kansala were received in August, 1962 but on analysis showed no indication or trace of oil.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Maternity Leave to Delhi Teachers

2601. Shri Bagri: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no leave substitute arrangements are made when women teachers proceed on maternity leave in Government schools in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the arrangements being made for conducting the classes regularly in their absence?

The Minister for Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil-bearing Areas near Calcutta

2602. Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether some oil-bearing areas have been found near Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Exploration is still in progress.

Fees of Students in Delhi

**2603. { Shri Marandi:
Shri Uttiya:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a disparity in the amount of fee payable by the male and female students in the capital; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Ministry of Education (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) Yes in the IX, X and XI classes.

(b) For encouraging girls' education, the girls in these classes are required to pay less fees than boys.

Gujarat Refinery

2604. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction cost of the Gujarat Refinery Works has gone down on account of use of indigenous materials;

(b) if so, by how much it has gone down; and

(c) whether India is now in a position to construct a Refinery without any outside help?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not yet possible to specify the amount of saving due to use of indigenous material alone but the cumulative effect of advance and careful planning, the preparation of working drawings in India, the maximum use of indigenous equipment and material under competitive conditions has been a reduction in the estimated cost of the project by about Rs. 3 crores.

(c) Not yet.