

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). The matter is at present under the consideration of Government. When decisions are reached, they will be duly announced.

**Financial Position of State:**

\*162. Shri Abdul Gani Dar: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the non-Congress Governments in the States have complained to the Central Governments regarding empty Exchequer in those States; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to look into these complaints, giving details of the steps proposed to be taken?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri K. C. Pant): (a) No such complaint has been received by the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

**Drinking Water Supply in Drought-affected Area in Bihar**

\*163. Shri Yogendra Sharma:  
Shri Bhogendra Jha:  
Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government have asked for immediate central assistance for providing drinking water in the drought-affected areas in the State;

(b) if so, the nature of assistance asked for; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-197/67].

**Effect of Political Changes on Share Market**

\*164. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the impact of political changes in India on the share market;

(b) if so, the line of thinking of Government to rectify misgivings in appropriate quarters; and

(c) whether a fresh look on investment potential of the country is envisaged?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri K. C. Pant): (a) There has been no discernible impact on the share market.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is keeping a continual watch over the trends of the share market and has been taking steps to improve the investment climate.

**बरीनी तेल शोधक कारखाना**

\*165 श्री भोगेन्द्र झा क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बरीनी तेल शोधक कारखाना अक्टूबर-नवम्बर, 1966 में कई दिन तक बन्द रहा था;

(ख) क्या इसका कारण यह था कि तेल जमा करने की क्षमता पूरी थी तथा और अधिक तेल जमा करने के लिये स्थान नहीं था;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उस समय बिहार के गाँवों में तेल की अत्यधिक कमी थी और एक रुपये में भी तेल की एक बोतल मिलनी कठिन थी;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि विदेशी तेल-शोधक कारखाने ने उत्पादन बन्द कर दिया था; और