

availability of hard coke for various industries and the rail transport available for moving it.

(b) Yes.

(c) To make up shortfalls in supplies of hard coke, 64 wagons of B.P. hard coke have been offered to the State on *ad hoc* basis. In addition to this, offer has also been made for Nut Coke and coke breeze from Bhilai Steel Plant to cover short supplies in soft coke.

Appointment of High Court Judges

*505. **Shri Tyagi:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of High Court Judges appointed during the last three years; and

(b) in how many cases Government have disagreed with the panel priorities submitted by the Chief Justices of various High Courts for these appointments?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Seventy-nine.

(b) One.

Exploration of Oil in Cauvery Basin

*506. { **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kajrolkar:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Umanath:
Dr. R. Banerjee:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) the progress made towards the exploration of oil in Cauvery basin; and

(b) when the scheme is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) Geological mapping is almost complete. The entire basin has been covered by

gravity and magnetic surveys. Reconnaissance seismic work has been done for about two "party" years.

(b) It is not possible at this stage to say when it will be completed.

Fertilizer Factory at Gorakhpur

{ **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
*507. { **Shri Bhakt Darshan:**
{ **Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries be pleased to state the further progress made in the setting up of the fertilizer factory at Gorakhpur and when the factory is expected to start production?

The Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries (Shri C. Subramaniam): The site for the factory and township has been selected and the Government of Uttar Pradesh have been requested to initiate land acquisition proceedings. A site organization is being set up at Gorakhpur. The main plants for the fertilizer project are likely to be supplied by a consortium of Japanese manufacturers. A contract is expected to be signed by the Fertilizer Corporation in the near future with the supplier. An offer has been received and is under detailed examination by the Fertilizer Corporation. According to the time schedule now contemplated, the factory is expected to go into production by July, 1966.

2. Tenders have been invited by the Fertilizer Corporation for the earth moving and construction equipment. Specifications have been drawn up for the auxiliary facilities and tenders are ready for issue.

Census Figures Vis-a-Vis Electoral Rolls

*508. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) how the census figures of adult population compare with those on Electoral Rolls; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken to make good the deficiency?