

Dr. M. M. Das: There are refugees who have been sent to Madhya Pradesh and arrangements are being made by that Government for their rehabilitation. The expenditure is borne by the Centre.

The officers of Madhya Pradesh Government and our officers meet together, discuss the things and whatever financial assistance or grant is to be given is given to them.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : उनको सहायता देने में काफी विलम्ब होता है ।

Drilling near Port Canning

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Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:
Shri R. S. Pandey:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken on the question of drilling oil in the region of Port Canning near Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). A decision has been taken in principle to undertake drilling in the Port Canning area, after a suitable anticlinal structure has been discovered by seismic survey. The Seismic survey is still in progress.

Dr. Chandrabhan Singh: May I know how much money has so far been spent on this project?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Of the survey carried out by the ONGC

separate figures are not available, and this survey is still in progress.

Dr. Chandrabhan Singh: Is the hon. Minister satisfied with the progress made?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Yes, we are satisfied, because there are some hopes that there may be a good anticlinal structure in that area. The Stanvac had earlier carried out a survey and they had found some indication of the presence of gas. We are, therefore, pursuing the matter.

Shri Kapur Singh: Is there any substance in the general impression that our drilling operation failures are inordinately high as compared with those elsewhere?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I am rather surprised at this question of my hon. friend, because on the contrary our success has been almost phenomenal.

Shri P. R. Chakraverti: May I know whether initial survey has indicated the prospects of oil resources in this neighbourhood?

Shri Humayun Kabir: Unless the initial survey had held out some hopes we would not have continued it. We have actually intensified the survey. Instead of one party, four parties are surveying there now.

श्री प० ला० बाबूवाल : राजस्थान के जिला जैसलमेर में तेल के सम्बन्ध में सर्वेक्षण किया गया था । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसके सम्बन्ध में क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This question does not arise out of the main question.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : क्या राजस्थान की पोर्ट केनिंग के नजदीक है ?

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