

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The question whether the Santhanam Committee's recommendations could be implemented, is being considered and a decision is expected to be taken shortly.

Oil near Calcutta

*130. Shri Parashar:

Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. B. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Bagri:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:
Shri Brij Raj Singh:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2602 on the 22nd September, 1965 regarding oil-bearing areas near Calcutta and state the further progress made in the exploration?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): As a result of intensive seismic surveys carried out by the field parties of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission, an interesting structural feature has been delineated in the area. Preparatory action for starting drilling operations in October was taken in hand but has been delayed because of the conflict with Pakistan. The drilling operations are now likely to start in February, 1966.

Use of Hindi in Ministries

*131. Shri Ehanu Prakash Singh:
Shri Kishen Pattnayak:
Shri Bagri:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the use of Hindi in all the Ministries of the Government of India; and

(b) when a complete switch-over to Hindi is likely to be achieved?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): Progress made in the actual use of Hindi for various official purposes of the Union is shown below:

STATEMENT

1. Letters received in Hindi from members of the public are replied to in Hindi.
2. Government resolutions are issued both in Hindi and English simultaneously.
3. Administrative reports, reports to Parliaments and Journals are published in Hindi also.
4. 10,000 departmental forms and 351 manuals have already been translated by the Central Hindi Directorate (Ministry of Education). Steps are being taken by the concerned Ministries for the printing of these forms and manuals in Hindi also.
5. Steps have been taken for the translation and printing of statutory and non-statutory rules including those forming part of manuals.
6. Arrangements have already been made for the publication in Hindi also of all parts of the Gazette of India excepting Part II relating to statutory matter.
7. Nothing in Hindi has been introduced in 276 Sections in the various Ministries so far.