

of explosion in 1320 Number Oil-Well near Nilgarh Dikom Tea-Estate on April, 1992 damaging 800 homes hereby;

(b) whether the Government are aware that a vast paddy-field has also been damaged due to eruption; and

(c) the steps being taken to rehabilitate the eruption-victims?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There was a blow out in well No. Dikom-1 situated about 15 Kms. east of Dibrugarh on 7.4.92. There was no damage to any home due to the blow out.

(b) An area of about 16.5 acres of nearby paddy-fields within 70 mtrs. from the well plinth on three sides have been affected.

(c) M/s. Oil India Ltd. are assessing the possible damage to the seasonal standing crops for compensating the affected land owners. Also, the affected paddy -field area is being permanently acquired by Oil India Limited.

### Floods in Assam

9410. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent devastating flood in Tinsukia district of Assam has rendered thousands of people homeless and completely disrupted the communication of Lohit and Diband Valley districts of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the damages and relief measures taken in this regard;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to divert the spring river Noa-Diahing and Bui-Dhing to its original course;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and  
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Due to floods caused by breach of Nadehing river embankment in Tinsukia district of Assam on 29.3.1992, road communication to Lohit and Diband Valley districts in Arunachal Pradesh was disrupted. The Government of Assam has reported the following damage on the basis of preliminary reports:-

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1. Area affected	- 45,000 Hectares.
2. Population affected	- 35,000
3. Villages affected	-75
4. Loss of human life	- 1

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The relief measure undertaken by the State Governments include distribution of gratuitous relief, essential commodities like Rice, Dal, Salt, Mustard oil, Chira, Gur, Baby-food, Gunny bags and deployment of boats for transportation.

(c) to (e). The details are being collected from the concerned State Governments.

### Workers of HPC Bottling Plants at Mumbai

9411. SHRI RAMNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether mathadi workers at Hindustan Petroleum Corporation cooking gas filling plants at Mumbai have resorted to go-slow;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/Proposed to be taken in this regard?