

5.09 million tonnes of crude oil to the refineries in 1975 as compared to 4.32 million tonnes in 1974. Refinery-wise supplies made by O&NGC during 1975 were as under—

(1) Koyali Refinery—4.07 million tonnes

(ii) Gauhati/Barauni refineries—1.02 million tonnes.

Hotels run by Railways

2173 SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Railways are running and maintaining some hotels in the country, and

(b) if so, the names of these hotels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) Yes

(b) Railway hotels at Ranchi and Puri on South Eastern Railway

Pilferage of furnace oil from Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited

2174 SHRI P GANGA REDDY Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether a case of pilferage of furnace oil worth lakhs of rupees belonging to Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited, Panaji was detected in July, 1976, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the number of persons involved in the case?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P C SETHI) (a) and (b) M/s Zuari Agro Chemicals have reported that pilferage of fuel oil valued at about Rs. 13.98 lakhs was detected in August, 1974 and not in July 1976. The com-

pany had promptly reported the matter to the Police and had lodged claims with the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company who has settled the claims for Rs. 10.85 lakhs, are now pursuing the matter with the Police. According to the information furnished by the company, two of the company's ex-employees have been arrested in this connection and released on bail. The company have since tightened safeguards to prevent pilferage.

Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line into broad gauge line

2175 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Rajasthan Planning Board has recommended the conversion of the metre gauge line on Western Railway between Delhi and Ahmedabad into broad gauge and

(b) if so, the decision of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) Yes

(b) The Engineering-cum Traffic surveys have been carried out for this conversion. The estimated cost of this 981 kms long conversion scheme is Rs 108 crores. In view of the over all stringency of funds and the huge outlay required for this project it may not be possible to take up work immediately.

Cancellation of Contract with the British firm for hiring Drill ship

2176 SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has cancelled the contract with British firm. Saitaram