

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) :**

(a) The boundaries of the Shillong Cantonment which was formed in 1885, are well-defined and have not changed significantly in the recent past. Civilian areas of the Cantonment, however, have become congested due to increase in civilian population and vehicular traffic in the Cantonment, as well as in the municipal areas.

(b) and (c) : Representations have been received requesting for the transfer of a few pockets of defence lands in Shillong Cantonment to the State Government These are being considered in consultation with the State Government.

Withdrawal by Chevron from contract for Prospecting for Oil in Saurashtra Coast

**539. SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRIMATI GEETA
MUKHERJEE :**

Will the Ministry of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the American oil major, Chevron, has withdrawn from its contract for prospecting for oil in the Saurashtra coast ;

(b) the number of foreign oil companies in contract with ONGC at the moment ;

(c) whether the withdrawal of Chevron will have an effect on the attitude of other foreign oil companies in entering into a contract with ONGC ; and

(d) whether ONGC is still optimistic of reaching its target of crude production by 1989-90 ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
(SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) None.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Increase in the Cost of Crude

540. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the outgo in terms of rupees for the import of crude in 1984 ;

(b) whether as the result of the steep appreciation of the dollar, the outgo has sharply increased ;

(c) if so, the quantum of the increase expected this year ;

(d) whether the rupee outgo vis-a-vis the rouble for crude import has also increased ; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ease the burden ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM
(SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) :**

(a) The outgo in terms of rupees for the import of crude oil in 1984 is expected to be Rs. 3495 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not possible to project the increase expected during 1985 because it will be dependent on the fluctuating exchange rate.

(d) The pricing for import from USSR is done on dollar basis and the payments are made in rupees applying the agreed exchange rate. Therefore, there is no impact of rouble and rupee exchange rate on the import bill.

(e) Exploration and development effort is being intensified so that more