

tory in the ratio of 50 : 50, and the funds are released by the Central Government on the basis of the proposals made by the State Governments/ Union Territories and recommended by the Coir Board. During the Sixth Plan period, a total sum of Rs. 310.21 lakhs was released by the Central Government of which Rs. 289.83 lakhs was released to the Government of Kerala for this purpose.

Production of Newsprint

4011. SHRI MONANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of newsprint manufacturing units functioning in the country, their annual production capacity and the production made annually the year 1983-84 and 1984-85 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : At present there are three units in the country manufacturing newsprint with an installed capacity of 2.30 lakh tonnes.

The production of newsprint from these units has been as follows :

1983-84	1,76,338 lakh tonnes
1984-85	2,00,547 lakh tonnes (Provisional)

Survey for Oil in Saurashtra Region

4112. SHRI MOHANBHAI : PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state ;

(a) whether any survey has been conducted during 1984 to find out oil ;

(b) if so, the area and the States in which surveys have been conducted and the findings thereof ;

(c) the details of the new explora-

tion work undertaken during 1984 and and the findings thereof ;

(d) whether there is a possibility of oil in Saurashtra region ; and

(e) if so, whether any survey has been conducted there and the findings thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (e) : The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discoveries of Oil Bearing Areas in Seventh Five Year Plan

4113. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the process of discovering potential oil-bearing areas by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has slowed down during past few years ;

(b) if so, the details and break-up of the potential oil bearing areas discovered during the period between 1977-80 and 1981-84 ;

(c) the assessment of oil and gas reserves in areas discovered during the periods mentioned above ; and

(d) the prospects for discovering potential oil bearing areas during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. ONGC has identified the exploratory efforts during the past few years.

(b) During the period 1977-80, oil was discovered in 13 structures and during the period 1981-84 in 19 structures. The details are as under :