

[English]

Discovery of Oil and Natural Gas in Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh.

4731. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether deposits of oil and gas have been found during drilling operations last year in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for stopping of drilling operations there ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (c) No drilling operations have been carried out in Raigarh District of Madhya Pradesh

Theft of Safety Films

4732. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYF : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a few safety films have been lost during transportation by rail for exhibition at various places

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) the names of the parties affected and the places where the thefts took place; and

(d) the amount of compensation paid to the claimants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9 cases of non-receipt of such consignments were registered during 1990-91

(c) The claimants were :

(i) M/s R. S. Poddar, Saraiganj, Muzaffarpur.

(ii) M/s Shiv Shakti Films, Surayapatti, Muzaffarpur

(iii) M/s National Films Development Corporation, Calcutta.

(iv) M/s Rajshri Products Pvt Ltd, Bombay

(v) M/s Khazanchi Films, Exchange, Amravati

The places where loss/thefts took place during transit could not be pinpointed

(d) Only in one case claimant has been paid Rs 1,609/- as compensation during 1990-91.

Investment in Wind Energy

4733. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYF Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the amount invested in wind energy, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of power generated and fed into the grids by the wind energy, and

(c) the names of the States where power generation by wind energy is operating successfully ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) (a) The amounts over Rs 1 crore provided by Central Government towards investment in wind energy, State-wise, are given below

1. Tamil Nadu Rs. 11.61 crores
2. Gujarat Rs. 9.20 crores
3. Maharashtra Rs. 3.13 crores
4. Orissa Rs. 2.30 crores
5. Andhra Pradesh Rs. 2.10 crores

In addition, an aggregate amount of Rs. 4.38 crores has also been provided to 20 other States/Union Territories for wind energy projects.

(b) A total wind power capacity of 37.5 MW has been established in the country. The cumulative generation of electricity from wind energy exceeds 90 million units which have been fed to the respective State grids.

(c) Wind farm projects are operating successfully in the States of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Gas Based Power Plant in Goa

4734. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYF Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a gas based power plant in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KAI P NATH RAI): (a) No proposal for installation of a gas-based power plant in Goa has been received in the Central Electricity Authority

(b) Does not arise

Flights between Delhi and Patna

4735. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Indian Airlines flights between Delhi and Patna curtailed recently;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) when these are proposed to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) With effect from 1-6-91, the following services operating to/from Patna have been withdrawn/curtailed due to inadequate bad factor

(i) Delhi-Varanasi-Patna and back (Twice weekly)—Withdrawn.

(ii) Delhi-Gorakhpur-Patna-Delhi (twice weekly)—Withdrawn.

(iii) Delhi-Patna and back (4 times weekly) Reduced to 3 times weekly.

(c) There is no proposal at the present moment to restore the services to/from Patna which have been withdrawn/reduced.

Setting up of a Thermal Power Plant at Aurangabad, Bihar

4736. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given on August 13, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 2821 regarding pending power projects of Bihar and state :