

this connection; and

(e) the measures taken / being taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M.SAYEED):(a) to (d): Three incidents of bomb blasts took place in Delhi during the last 3 months between 20.11.92 and 19.2.93. The details of incidents; number of persons killed / injured and compensation paid are as under:-

- i. On 25.12.92 an explosion took place in the balcony of Akash Cinema. No person was killed or injured. Action for payment of compensation has been initiated.
- ii. On 29.1.93, a bomb exploded in Theka Sharab, Shastri Park, Seelampur. 15 persons received burn / pellet injuries. Action for payment of compensation has been initiated.
- iii. On 9.2.93, a bomb exploded, at Makhi Sarai Jhuggi near Railway Bridge, Subzi Mandi, Shahdara. One person was killed and two injured. Action for payment of compensation has been initiated.

No arrest have been made in these cases.

(e) The steps taken to check recurrence of such incidents in future include formation of an Anti-Terrorist Cell in each Police District; deployment of armed pickets at vulnerable / strategic points; intensive mobile patrolling; distribution of educative literature amongst the people to make them more vigilant; deployment of spotters; displaying of photos of known terrorists at public places; stationing of PCR vehicles at strategic places and

coordination meetings with the adjoining States.

[English]

Rate of Drilling in West Bengal

416. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the rate of drilling at different depths in the same location and at different locations in West Bengal, according to experience so far obtained by ONGC; and

(b) the reasons for slow rate of drilling, if any?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT.SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b): The rate of penetration while drilling depends on the depth of drilling, size of hole, type of formation, hardness and drillability of the rock and hence drilling rate would vary at different locations and depths. Since 1988-89 the drilling rate in various wells drilled by ONGC has varied from 1.85 to 8.14 metres per hour.

Sail's Contract For Export to Singapore

417. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited has entered into a contract for export of its products to a firm based in Singapore during the end of 1992;

(b) whether the SAIL had waived certain business conditions to the firm to buy the materials; and