

tion in government services; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITRAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is under consideration.

Exploration in Ganga Basin

1382. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Government have given licence to the Oil India Limited to conduct oil exploration work in Ganga Basin in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when was the licence given and the details of the progress of exploration work made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A petroleum exploration licence was issued to Oil India Limited on 18.03.1991. They have acquired about 2550 GLK of seismic data and 21172 line Kms., of his resolution aegemagnetic surge(HRAS) data in the PEL area.

Crude Oil Prodrction

1383. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDAY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep fall in the production of crude oil in ONGC and Oil India Limited in Assam area during

the last two years

(b) the reasons for fall in production during the said period :

(c) the present production as compared to those of the last two year; and

(d) the efforts being made to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)	Year	Production (Million Tonnes)
	1991-92	5.030- Actual
	1992-93	5.045- Actual
	1993-94	5.130- Estimated

(d) Efforts being made to step up crude oil production in the Eastern region include deployment of additional rigs; utilization of superior technology; increasing the number of wells on artificial lift; enhancement in water injection levels., security cover, exploratory efforts; etc.

Reclamation Programme

1384. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted its reports on Phase-I EEC programme reclamation of Saline land;

(b) if so, the details thereof;