

representations from Unions of railway employees, recently relating to their demands/grievances

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) to (c). Various unions of railway employees submit their demands/grievances from time to time which are looked into by the concerned authorities and appropriate action taken as necessary. However, in the absence of specific details of any reference, it is not possible to give details of the action taken.

Railways
Changes in Nangal Dam Express

3144. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for changing the departure time of Nangal Dam Express running between Nangal and Delhi, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to issue necessary instructions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to law and order problem in Punjab.

[English]

Oil Exploration
Exploration for Oil and Gas in Nilgiris

3145. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any exploration of Nilgiris and the neighbouring districts in Tamil Nadu for possibility of oil/gas therewith the heli rig power pack developed by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited unit in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Nilgiris and neighbouring districts in Tamil Nadu are located on a shield area with exposed igneous and metamorphic rocks of Pre-Cambrian age. The area is devoid of sedimentary cover which is vital for generation and accumulation of oil and natural gas.

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Drilling Operations in Vaigai and Tambarabarani River Basins in Tamil Nadu

3146. SHRI P.R.S. VENKATESAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have made any survey and undertaken any drilling operations in the Vaigai and Tambarabarani river basins in Tamil Nadu for possibility of oil/gas find in area;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes Sir. ONGC has undertaken exploratory surveys and drilling