

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c). A representation has been received regarding the Parkachik Suru Power Project. However, Government of J and K are yet to submit the revised project report of Domkhar HE Project and a proper project proposal in respect of Parkachik (Suru) Power Scheme. It is for the Government of J and K to send a team of experts to examine and formulate the schemes. If J and K authorities require any expert advice from Union Government, the same can be provided.

Agreement with Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries for Oil Exploration

1360. SHRI P.M. SAYEED :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :
SHRI R.M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting countries have decided for providing close co-operation in the field of petroleum-chemical industrialisation, oil exploration and training of technical personnel of Arab oil producing countries; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the agreement arrived at in this regard alongwith the terms and conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). The discussions between the Indian delegation and the OAPEC related to possible areas of cooperation between the member countries of the OAPEC and India, and the OAPEC institutions and the institutions in India in the following areas :

- (i) the utilisation of training capabilities available in India by the OAPEC member countries;
- (ii) utilisation of the research network established by the ONGC, EIL and IOC; and

- (iii) bilateral and multilateral co-operation between the National Oil companies with a view to promoting self-reliance.

It was agreed during the discussions that the cooperation between the OAPEC, its member countries and India would be strengthened further. This would result in a greater degree of self-reliance and cooperation amongst developing countries.

[*Translation*]

Complaint against Dealers having both Petrol and Kerosene Agencies

1361. SHRI K.N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol pumps in the country which have also given kerosene agencies; and

(b) the number of such dealers against which complaints have been received during the last one year and the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total number of Retail outlet (petrol/diesel) dealers in the country who have SKO/LDO agencies also is 1970.

(b) There were 40 dealers against whom complaints have been received or who were found to have indulged in various mal-practices by officers of the oil industry during regular/surprise inspections during the last one year. Corrective action as envisaged in the oil industry's Marketing Discipline guidelines has been taken against these dealers.

[*English*]

Exploration of Oil in Krishna-Godavari Basin

1362. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has withdrawn proposals for commercial production of gas in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that 594 million tonnes of gas deposits are present in this basin;

(d) whether drilling operations were stopped due to restrictions imposed on carrying heavy equipment; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE HARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The in-place reserves of gas in this basin as on 1.1.85 are estimated at 6.3 million tonnes of oil equivalent of gas.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. There was some delay in the commencement of drilling at well No. Tatipaka-I as the road bridges were found to be weak and the rig could not be moved by road because of the restrictions imposed by State Government. The rig was later transported by ferry.

[*Translation*]

Issue of Commemorative Postal Stamps

1363. SHRI M. L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria for issuing commemorative stamps;

(b) whether it is a fact that no commemorative stamps have been issued in respect of the famous and brave queen Durgawati of Garha Mandla and 'Madan Mahal' of Jabalpur built on a single rock;

(c) if so, the reasons for ignoring them so far; and

(d) the time by which commemorative stamps are likely to be issued in their memory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) A philatelic Advisory Committee functions in the Department which advises the Government regarding issuance of commemorative/special postage stamps. Guidelines for issuance of such stamps are given in the statement below.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As regards commemorative stamp on queen Durgawati, the proposal was considered by the PAC but was not recommended. So far as the stamp on 'Madan Mahal' is concerned, no such proposal appears to have been received in the Department in the recent past.

(d) In view of (c), does not arise.

Statement

The Issue of Commemorative/Special Postage Stamp from 1981 Onwards

- Proposals may be taken up well in advance, say about a year before the propose date of issue, to enable proper examination, designing, approval, announcement, printing and supply of stamps as part of a planned programme.
- A stamp commemorative a living personality may not ordinarily be issued.
- Not more than one stamp on a personality may be issued, save in exceptional cases. In such cases, the proposals may be considered by the Government on the recommendation of the Philatelic Advisory Committee.
- The personalities on whom commemorative stamps are issued may be of national or international importance and the occasion should be ordinarily birth centenary or 10th/25th/100th death anniversary. Commemorative stamps may be issued on the first death anniversary of the personality, only in very exceptional cases.