

Updating of MIG Planes

4178. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) Government's effort to meet the threat of Pak defence build-up with particular reference to its purchase of F-16 planes from America ; and

(b) whether Government are considering updating the MIG planes now being used in our country as part of the programme to strengthen our air strength ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b) Government monitors all developments having a bearing on our security, and takes necessary steps within the resources available to ensure adequate defence capability and preparedness at all times. It will not be in the public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

[*Translation*]

Exploration of Gas and Petrol in Jaiselmer

4179. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the achievements of ONGC in the exploration of gas and petrol in Jaiselmer district during the Sixth Five Year Plan and the details of the progress made in this regard so far ;

(b) whether slackness was shown by ONGC in drilling works and only one drilling machine was used for drilling purposes ;

(c) if so, the reasons for this slackness ; and

(d) the time by which the exploration programme of gas and petrol will be expedited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Exploratory drilling was carried out in Ghotaru and Sadewala structures. Gas was discovered in Ghotaru structure.

(b) No Sir. One drilling rig was considered adequate for the number of prospects to be taken up for drilling.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[*English*]

Imports of Drilling Pumps by O.N.G.C.

4180. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the total purchase of ONGC imported item like Drilling Pumps, etc. for India during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively and the countries from where it was imported ;

(b) whether on the appeal of ONGC, efforts have been successfully made in India to have indigenously built such pumps and technology by a few firms ;

(c) if so, whether to avoid import, O. N. G. C has placed any order for those indigenously built items ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) ONGC did not exclusively import any drilling pumps during the period 1981—85.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Decentralisation of B.E.L. Industrial Units

4181. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places where the Bharat Electronics Ltd. has set up industries, being set up and proposed to be set up in the near future, and nature of products of such B.E.L. industries.

(b) whether in view of the new electronic policy domestic market demands and export potentiality (based on export records of