

Utilisation of World Bank loan on pipeline from Bassein Oil Field

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SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to use the recently granted loan by the World Bank to Oil and Natural Gas Commission for the construction of pipeline from Bassein Oil and gas field;

(b) what are the conditions imposed by the World Bank for granting the loan;

(c) whether the plans for the construction of the pipeline are complete; and

(d) what part of the loan would be utilised for laying of the pipeline and whether there is any proposal to carry the gas to Gujarat through the pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir, the World Bank loan of US \$ 150 million for Phase III of Bombay High is *inter-alia* for laying of sub-sea pipelines from Bombay High and North Bassein offshore fields.

(b) It carries interest at the rate of 8.2% per annum on amounts drawn and a commitment charge of three-fourths of one percent per annum on amounts undrawn; and the interest and the commitment charge are payable semi-annually each year. The principal amount is repayable in equal half-yearly instalments of US \$ 4,410,000 beginning January 1, 1981 through January 1, 1997 with the last instalment of US \$ 4,470,000 on July 1, 1997.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) US \$ 70 million of the loan is for laying the pipelines. Feasibility studies are being undertaken to lay a gas pipeline from South Bassein to Gujarat which on its way would be interconnected with the Bombay High North Bassein Uran gas pipeline with a view to regulate the flow of both associated and non-associated gas to the two States.

Foreign Firm Executing Civil Contracts of M. T. P. (Railways) Calcutta

4864. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Radio Foundation Engineering Limited, a foreign

Company has been executing various civil contracts of Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways), Calcutta under the patronage of several Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, on how many sections of the Project the said foreign Company is working and under what terms;

(c) whether he is aware that the Reserve Bank of India has prohibited such employment of foreign Company; and

(d) if so, the steps being proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDEVATE): (a) to (d). No civil engineering contracts of the Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways) Calcutta have been awarded in favour of the foreign company, M/s Radio Foundation Engineering Ltd., either directly or as a sub-contractor. However, contracts have been given to an Indian partnership firm, Radio Hazarat, comprising of M/s Radio Foundation Engineering and Hazarat and Co. So far, this firm, Radio Hazarat has been awarded one contract—valued about Rs. 1.1 crores in its individual capacity, and joint contracts, with two other Indian firms, of a total value of about Rs. 5 crores in two more sections. The firm, Radio Hazarat, is also working as a sub-contractor of M/s N. P. C. C. and M/s N. B. C. C. which are public sector undertakings, for the diaphragm walling component of the work in two other sections.

Radio Hazarat are specialist in diaphragm walls which are being used extensively in the underground railway project in Calcutta.

This Ministry is not aware of any restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on the employment of Indian partnership firms.

Vendors in G.T. and Tamil Nadu Express

4865. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vendors are employed in G.T. and Tamil Nadu Express for catering service; and

(b) the reasons for not employing permanent staff as before?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDEVATE): (a) and (b) Both permanent bearers as well as bearers on commission basis have been employed on Grand Trunk and Tamil Nadu Express trains. With a view to have incentive on the part of bearers and in the