

AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details relating to the progress regarding the profit/loss shown by the public sector refineries annually during last three years; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to make them more profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). The details regarding the profit and loss of the Public Sector Refineries are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistants in Railway Board's Offices

3696. SHRI BALAK RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had received a representation in the month of August-September, 1977 regarding grievances of Assistants in the Railway Board's offices recruited from zonal railways; and

(b) if so, what action had been taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Yes. An unsigned representation was received from some Assistants recruited from the railways requesting for recasting of the relative seniority of Assistants in the Railway Board's office.

(b) The said representation has been examined and it has been held that the relative seniority of Assistants having already been decided in 1964 in consultation with a Statutory Body like U.P.S.C. and having also been looked into by the Supreme Court of India on submission of writ petitions by some Assistant of the Board's office which were later dismissed as withdrawn by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no scope is now left for re-opening of this issue.

Exploration of Mahanadi Delta by Oil India Ltd.

3697. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted a licence to the joint sector Oil India Limited for onshore and offshore petroleum exploration of the Mahanadi Delta; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b). Oil India Limited have been informed that the Government have no objection to the grant of Petroleum Exploration Licence covering an areas of 31,000 square kilometers including 12,000 square kilometers off-shore in Mahanadi Delta area. Oil India Limited have since submitted an application for grant of a Petroleum Exploration Licence for an off-shore area measuring 12,000 square kilometers.

स्थायीकरण योजना

3698. श्री फूलचन्द वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रेलवे के प्रत्येक जोन में स्थायीकरण योजना कब लागू की गई तथा इस योजना के अन्तर्गत क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं तथा अब तक उपलब्ध कराये लाभों एवं सुविधाओं का व्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) रेलवे में लाइसेंस प्राप्त कितने कुली हैं और उनमें से ऐसे कितने कुली हैं जो रेलवे में स्थायीकरण योजना के अन्तर्गत कार्य कर रहे हैं और ऐसे कितने कुली हैं जो अभी प्रत्येक स्टेशन पर ठकेदारों की सहकारी समितियों के अन्तर्गत कार्य कर रहे हैं ;