

Housing problem for Field Staff of ONGC

7257 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether attention of Government have been drawn to the news report appearing in the Times of India dt 22nd March, '78 under the caption 'ONGC field staff uneasy over housing shortage',

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the various observations made therein, and

(c) details of the action taken, proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

उदयपुर और बीकानेर के बीच सीधी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी आरम्भ करने का प्रस्ताव

7258 श्री एस० एस० सोनानी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या उदयपुर और बीकानेर के बीच यात्रियों को सुविधाएँ प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य में सरकार का विचार इस सेक्शन पर मारवाडा जंक्शन और जाधपुर होवर एक सीधी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी चलाने का है और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार का विचार गाड़ियों के समय में परिवर्तन करने का है जिससे यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि उदयपुर और बीकानेर के बीच यात्रा करने में 36 घंटे के स्थान पर 16 घंटे लगे ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) इस समय उदयपुर और बीकानेर के बीच 95/96 मारवाड मेल और 221/222 यात्री गाड़ियों में पहले एच दूसरे दर्जे का एक सीधा सवारी डिब्बा चला रहा है जिसका बीकानेर-उदयपुर दिशा में कुल यात्रा समय 26 घंटे 35 मिनट लगता है और बिपरीत दिशा में 25 घंटे 50 मिनट लगता है ।

Overseas Exploration by ONGC

7259 SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has suffered a severe setback in overseas exploration ventures, and

(b) if so, the names of the countries in which exploration was carried out and total loss in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The ONGC has so far carried out oil exploration only in two countries, namely, Iran and Iraq

In Iran two commercial discoveries have been made and both the fields are under exploitation

In Iraq oil was discovered in the well drilled by the ONGC but the rate of flow of oil was not sufficient to declare it a commercial discovery in terms of the provisions of the contract. The total expenditure incurred on this venture till March 1977 was approximately Rs 968 crores including Rs 129 crores as depreciation.

Gauge conversion of Sonpur-Barabanki

7260 SHRI D N TIWARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No 3734 on 21st March,