

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS: (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA):** On the basis of the extensive geological and geophysical surveys carried out so far in the Godavari Basin, the ONGC is presently drilling a parametric-cum-exploratory well on the Narsapur structure in Andhra Pradesh. Against the targetted depth of 5000 metres, this well has so far been drilled to a depth of 1833 metres.

Oil exploration in other parts of the country is continuing by the ONGC and so far drilling has been undertaken on 171 structures in the onshore areas. Out of these structures, 161 structures have been tested so far; six are under testing and the remaining four structures are under drilling. Out of the 161 structure tested so far, 54 structures have proved to be oil/gas bearing. In the offshore areas, the ONGC has so far undertaken drilling on 28 structures, of which 20 structures have been tested and of structures have been found to be oil/gas bearing.

#### **Railway line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag**

294. SHRI JAGANNATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive long-term plan has been drawn up for construction of Railway lines in the hilly and backward areas of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that construction of Railway line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag has been included in the plan; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):** (a) A National Transport Policy Committee for formulation of overall transport policy for the country including the Railways has been appointed by the Planning

Commission. It will be possible for the Government to finalise its policy after the report of the Committee becomes available.

(b) and (c). No survey has so far been made for construction of the line from Rishikesh to Karnaprayag. It would be possible to consider its construction in view of prohibitively high anticipated cost of the line which falls in hilly terrain and very limited prospects of traffic.

#### **राजस्थान में नई रेलवे लाइन**

295. श्री दौलत राम सारण : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस बीच राजस्थान में किन नई रेलवे लाइनों का सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ;

(ख) किन नई रेलवे लाइनों के लिए सर्वेक्षण कराने की मांग की गई है; और

(ग) उनके मंत्रालय ने उपरोक्त रेलवे लाइनों के सम्बन्ध में कौन-सी प्राथमिकता निर्धारित की है और ऐसा करने का आधार क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिव नारायण)

(क) से (ग). राजस्थान में नयी लाइनों के लिए निम्नलिखित सर्वेक्षण हाल ही में पूरे किये गये हैं या किये जा रहे हैं:—

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| 1. रतलाम-बांसवाड़ा | बड़ी नयी लाइन (पूर्ण) |
| 2. नाथद्वारा-फालना | नयी मीटर लाइन (पूर्ण) |
| 3. बीकानेर-चतरगढ़  | नयी मीटर लाइन (आरंभ)  |

राजस्थान में रेल लाइनों के सर्वेक्षण के लिए निम्नलिखित प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं:—

- कोटा—चित्तौड़गढ़
- कोटा—झजमेर

कोटा—चित्तौड़गढ़ लाइन, जोकि सीमेंट कारखानों और उस क्षेत्र में लगाये जाने वाले प्रस्तावित अन्य उद्योगों द्वारा उत्पन्न यातायात को ढोने के लिए लाभदायक होगी के सर्वेक्षण करने का प्रश्न विचाराधीन है।