

additional facilities for enhancing seismic data processing by the above computer of OIL.

3. ONGC has installed two imported computers acquired using UNDP finance for seismic data processing for oil exploration.
4. The DOE has approved in principle the augmentation of the facilities at the National Informatics Centre (NIC) of the DOE at Delhi specifically to support computer processing of the seismic data of ONGC. The enhancement will be effected by the end of 1983-84 and will help ONGC to clear their backlog of seismic data processing.
5. To enable ONGC to process 10 million standard records per annum by 1984-85 and 17 million standard records by 1989-90, DOE has floated a global tender for a large computer of appropriate capacity.
6. NGRI is in the process of acquiring a computer for processing geo-physical data.
7. DOE has given in principle approval for the import of a computer system by Coal India Limited to be installed at the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute, Ranchi, which activity includes coal exploration data processing.
8. Geological Survey of India is currently making use of the facilities of the National Informatics Centre of DOE for carrying out computer-aided analyses relating to the investigation of mineral resources.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Rail Roko Agitation in Punjab

670. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will

the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Akalis in Punjab had decided to launch "Rail Roko" agitation in Punjab on 17 June, 1983;

(b) if so, the extent of loss of life and property caused by the agitationists; and

(c) the steps Government had taken to prevent such loss and to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No loss of life has been reported. The demonstrators indulged in disruptive activities including cutting of signal/telephone/telegraph wires and flooding of railway track by cutting the canal bank. No estimate of loss of property on this account is available.

(c) Government of Punjab had made necessary police arrangement to maintain law and order and to deal with the situation.

Fire in Gopala Towers in New Delhi

671. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a big fire broke out on 6 June, 1983 in Gopala Towers in Rajendra Place, New Delhi;

(b) whether building did not have appropriate fire fighting arrangements and the fire escape stairs were found to have been misused; and

(c) if so, the action taken against the persons concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A case under section 336/285/304-A IPC was registered at Police Station Karol Bagh on 6.6.1983 and the same is under investigation. 5 persons were arrested in the said case.

Negotiations with Akalis on Territorial and River Water Issues

672. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any settlement has since been reached with the Akali leadership on their demands relating to territorial and river water issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for Reduction of Prices of Vehicles

673. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the automobile manufacturers in the country have agreed to reduce the prices of their vehicles in response to a suggestion to this effect;

(b) if so, to what extent the prices of various vehicles have been reduced; and

(c) the criteria on the basis of which reduction in prices of vehicles had been solved ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) :
(a) to (c) The question of reducing prices of various categories of vehicles was discussed with the automobile manufacturers on 2.6.83. At the meeting, some manufacturers voluntarily agreed to reduce prices ranging between Rs. 1000 to Rs. 2000 and some others

have assured not to effect increases during the current financial year.

Shortfall in Achievement of Sixth Plan Targets

675. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a severe shortfall in the achievement of Sixth Plan targets so far;

(b) the details of the shortfalls in respect of the various targets fixed under the Sixth Plan so far; and

(c) the main reasons for such a severe shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) The mid-term appraisal of the Sixth Plan will contain the relevant information. The appraisal is presently nearing completion and will be placed on the Table of the House when completed.

Closing Down of Laboratories and Projects Running into Losses

676. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to close down on-going laboratories and projects if they continue to run in losses;

(b) if so, which are those laboratories and projects being run in losses for a long time;

(c) whether any study was conducted into the reasons for losses of these laboratories and projects earlier; and

(d) if so, the details and action taken, if any, to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC