

(ख) जी, नहीं।

मोहन प्रिंटिंग प्रेस के भागीदारों की तरफ 1071 रुपये की रकम बकाया पड़ी है। आयकर अधिकारी ने कर भ्रदा न करने के कारण दण्ड लगाने के लिए भागीदारों को कारण-बताओं नोटिस जारी किए हैं।

“दैनिक अमन्तिका” की तरफ कर की कोई रकम बकाया नहीं है क्योंकि उस पर आयकर नहीं लगाया जाता।

(ग) मोहन प्रिंटिंग प्रेस में धारम्भ में निवेश की गई पूंजी 18,883 रुपये की और इस समय यह पूंजी 1,233 रुपये है।

“दैनिक अमन्तिका” पर आयकर नहीं लगाया जाता इसलिए उसकी पूंजी के संबंध में कोई सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

Increase in production of high speed diesel and kerosene oil in Oil Refineries

863. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of high speed diesel oil and kerosene has been stepped up this year in all the oil refineries;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether with the increased production of high speed diesel oil and kerosene, Government would be in a position to save substantial amount of foreign exchange, which would otherwise have been spent on the import of these products; and

(d) if so, the quantum of savings ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kerosene 45,965 tonnes
High Speed

Diesel Oil 282,180 tonnes

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Rs. 3.12 crores.

Survey of Country Coastline for finding out Oil

864. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA :

SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA :

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

(a) whether there is a scheme under consideration of Government to survey the entire coastline of the country to explore the possibility of finding oil ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seismic survey had, in the past, been carried out in parts of the Indian Continental Shelf, including semi-detailed to detailed surveys in the Gulf of Cambay, its adjoining areas in the Arabian sea and the Coromandel coast. The result of the surveys indicated the presence of a number of interesting structural features in the Gulf of Cambay, and the adjoining areas of the Arabian Sea. For conducting detailed Seismic survey on these structures, a contract has recently been entered into with a French company and the survey is likely to start by the middle of December, 1971. Indian technicians will also be associated with this work for purposes of gaining experience

and also for supervision to ensure quality control. Subsequently exploration drilling operations are proposed to be started in November, 1972, using a self-propelled, self-elevating, off-shore drilling platform which is currently under construction in Japan.

In order to take up further seismic surveys in the entire Continental Shelf of India, it is proposed to explore the possibility of purchasing, in future, a suitable vessel which could be used to carry out the Surveys departmentally after our technicians have acquired the necessary experience in marine seismic surveys using sophisticated digital seismic equipment, by their association in the proposed contract seismic surveys by the French firm.

Plan for second refinery in Gujarat

865. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a plan under consideration of Government to have a second refinery in Gujarat ; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :

(a) and (b). No Sir. The Government have however appointed an expert Committee to examine the desirability and feasibility of expansion of the existing Koyali Refinery in Gujarat. Their report is awaited.

Aid from foreign countries for Flood Victims

866. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received

some aid from foreign countries for the Flood Victims ; and

(b) if so the total amount of aid received ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):

(a) and (b). An amount of about Rs. 26 lakhs has been received so far from the U.S.A., Japan, Norway and Nepal by way of assistance for flood victims. Kuwait has offered medical and other relief supplies. Certain proposals for assistance from the U. K. for the victims of the recent Orissa cyclone are being discussed.

Assistance has also been provided by some Governments and foreign private bodies through the Red Cross and other voluntary agencies

War threats of General Yahya Khan

867. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the War threats of General Yahya Khan ;

(b) whether the country is fully prepared to meet such a threat ;

(c) if so, the steps taken to meet any challenge on the country's borders ; and

(d) whether there are standing orders to the army to repulse any evil move of Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) to (d).

Government are aware of the war threats of General Yahya Khan. I may assure the Hon'ble Member that the country and the Armed Forces are fully prepared to meet the threat.