

(c) when the factory will start production?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE): (a) and (b). The commissioning of the fertiliser project at Durgapur has fallen behind schedule as a result mainly of factors like (a) delays in supply of indigenous equipment (b) failure of certain equipments during start-up and (c) departure, on the declaration of National Emergency, of foreign experts who were attending to certain commissioning operations. These experts have since returned to the project site.

To expedite the commissioning of the project, the Fertiliser Corporation of India have shifted from elsewhere certain machines/parts required at Durgapur and trial tuns are currently in progress. Repairs/replacements of damaged equipment/parts are also being attended to by the Corporation on an urgent basis.

(c) According to present indications, production is expected to start by the end of 1972; commercial production is expected by April 1973.

Drilling Operations in two Districts of West Bengal

956. **DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start the drilling operations in two Districts of West Bengal, 24-Parganas and Midnapore, which were stopped a few years ago; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H. R. GOKHALE) :
(a) Not yet.

(b) The seismic data collected and evaluated by Oil and Natural Gas Commission so far has not brought out the existence of favourable new traps which could be worth testing by drilling. When the existence of such favourable traps is established, resumption of drilling will be considered.

With a view to locate such favourable traps, ONGC have been deploying in the area seismic field parties with sophisticated digital seismic equipment.

Firing by Pakistani Forces in Khalra Sector

957. **SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 6th-7th June, 1972 Pakistani forces opened fire on Indian post of Dhali in the Khalra Sector; and

(b) if so, whether due to this firing many Indians and border security men were killed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a Tourism Institute in the Country

958. **SHRI NARENDRA SINGH :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Institute of Tourism is being set up in the country with the help of United Nations Development Fund and the International Labour Organisation;

(b) if so, the salient features of the agreement; and

(c) the time by which the Institute will be set up?