

Oil Exploration in Amunacha;

9347. SHRI VASANT SATHE:

PROF. MADHU DANDA-
VATE:

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

(a) whether the recent prospecting in Kharsang-II in Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh has revealed the possibility of finding large oil reserves; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the plan formulated by Government for drilling of oil in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Khar-sang-II well has so far been drilled upto about 700 metres as against the objective depth of 4572 metres. No hydrocarbon indications have been obtained so far. Oil India Limited would be drilling 16 wells in the coming years in Dum Duma area of Assam and Ningru area of Arunachal Pradesh. The Fifth Five Year Plan of O.N.G.C. envisages drilling of 1.47 million metres in various areas in the country.

**Engineers to go on deputation to
Zambian Railways from North Eastern
Railway**

9348. SHRI CHANDRA SHAILANI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager of the North Eastern Railway sent a Radiogram No. E/73/5/1 (1) dated the 3rd October, 1973 to all the Divisional Superintendents in which some Engineers were asked to go on deputation to Zambian Railways;

(b) how many candidates applied and gave their willingness to go to Zambia; and

(c) the number and names of selected candidates who were sent to Zambian Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes.

(b) Thirteen.

(c) The North Eastern Railways recommended to the Railway Board four Officers of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers, viz. S/Shri M.P. Budhiraja, Ramesh Chandra, K. C. Bhandari and H. S. Ajwani. These names were considered along with those recommended by other zonal Railways and none of those recommended by North Eastern Railway was ultimately recommended to the Zambia Railways.

**Steps taken to reduce dependence on
foreign sources for machinery and
know-how to meet power shortage**

9349. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI:
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to reduce dependence on foreign sources for machinery and technical know-how to meet the power shortage in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to organise a consortium of industrialists for setting up power generating plants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The indigenous manufacturing plants in the country now have the capacity to manufacture most of the plant and equipment required for the V Plan power projects in the country. Technical know-how for