

Fire in three bogies of Madras-Bombay Mail

3871. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three bogies of Madras-Bombay Mail caught fire on the 8th November, 1974;

(b) whether any arrest has been made in this connection; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No. In this accident the engine and one coach on the train caught fire.

(b) No

(c) Does not arise

Manufacture of Drilling Equipment by O.N.G.C. for Oil Exploration

3872 SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has decided to manufacture drilling equipment in the country for exploration and production of crude oil; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI): (a) and (b). The Oil and Natural Gas Commission has taken a number of measures to identify and develop indigenous capabilities for manufacture of a number of material inputs required for its large oil exploration and development programme. Its programme includes the manufacture of the following rigs:

i. Work-over rigs of 50 tonnes capacity;

ii. Crawler type work-over rigs of 28 tonnes capacity.

Royalty for Crude Oil Produced in Gujarat State

3873. SHRI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of crude oil in Gujarat State during the year 1973-74.

(b) the share of Gujarat State out of it; and

(c) the total amount realised as a royalty therefrom during the year 1973-74?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) 3573 million tonnes.

(b) The oil is sold by ONGC to the Indian Oil Corporation

(c) A sum of Rs. 535.96 lakhs was paid to the Government of Gujarat as Royalty on crude oil for that year.

Production and Prices of Naphtha

3874 SHRI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Naphtha produced in India, refinery-wise during the year 1972-73 and 1973-74;

(b) the names of the companies which are using this Naphtha;

(c) what was the price of Naphtha during the year 1972-73 and what is the price at present; and

(d) if there is any difference in prices, the reasons therefor?