

The interim reports submitted by the Committee are being examined by Government,

and the refinery being set up at Bongaigaon in Assam, as under:

(In million tonnes)

Refining of Crude of Assam Oil Fields in other refineries

Digboi	0 50
Gauhati	0 80
Bongaigaon	1 00
	(from 1977 onwards)
Barauni	2 00
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2182. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to take out extra crude from Assam oil fields for processing in other refineries;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has forced the Centre to instal a new refinery and also to increase the capacity of the existing refineries; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines thereof and Government's response thereto?

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

(a) to (d). As per the latest assessment, between Oil India Ltd. and the ONGC crude oil to the extent of 5.30 million tonnes per annum is expected to be available from Assam oil fields from 1977-78 or 1978-79. This is sufficient to meet the requirements of existing refineries based on Assam crude,

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Some representations from Assam State Government have been received for the processing of additional crude in Assam itself, but as indicated above no additional crude over and above the requirements of existing and projected refineries is expected to become available.

Automatic Signalling in Chakradharpur-Chandil Station

2183. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether automatic signalling was wrongly introduced in Chakradharpur-Chandil section, South Eastern Railway due to which several accidents have taken place;

(b) if so, number of accidents taking place in this section during the year 1974; and