

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

पेट्रोसियम और रसायन मंत्रालय में उपर्युक्त (श्री सी० पी० माजी): (क) उस क्षेत्र में पहले तेल और गैस कग्निा देखा गया था। तथापि की गई अन्वेषण से पर्याप्त मात्रा में हाइड्रोकार्बन की विश्वमानता की पुष्टि नहीं हुई।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Summit meeting of O.P.E.C. at Algiers

5390. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the summit deliberations at Algiers of the O.P.E.C.;

(b) whether the main agenda of the summit is to take precautions and actions for not letting the prices of oil sink too low;

(c) whether our Government will also reduce the petroleum prices in proportion to the sinking of oil prices in the oil producing and exporting countries; and

(d) the comparative cost of crude production in India and Arab countries per barrel?

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

(b) During their summit deliberations, the Sovereigns and Heads of the State of the Member Countries of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries reviewed the present world economic crisis, exchanged views on the causes of the crisis which has persisted for several years, and considered the measures they would take to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of

their peoples in the context of international solidarity and cooperation.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) The actual cost of production of crude oil in different countries for the current year is not known.

Construction of waiting hall at Pindara Road Halt

5391. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Pindara Road is a halt station between Varanasi and Jaunpur stations on Faizabad section in Northern Railway;

(b) if so, whether some months back, before the last Railway strike, a waiting hall was sanctioned for that Halt Station; and

(c) when that waiting hall will be constructed and reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Pindara Road is a halt station situated between Varanasi and Jaunpur stations of Northern Railway.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Electric Locomotives to haul up goods and trains on Kanpur-Tundla line

5392. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether electrification of railway track between Kanpur and Tundla has been completed;

(b) if so, whether electric locomotives have begun to haul up the goods and fast mail and express trains on this track; and

(c) if not, the reasons for it and by when this line will begin to operate?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

Precarious coal position on Northern Railway

5393. **SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:**
SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal position with Northern Railway is precarious; and

(b) if so, whether some of the trains are being suspended on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No. Northern Railway have coal stocks for 4-4 days' consumption as on 1-4-1975.

(b) 34 pairs of suspended passenger trains have already been re-introduced since 1-2-1975 and the balance 2 pairs will be started shortly.

Increase in expenditure of O. & N.G.C.

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission proposes to increase its expenditure on acquisition of capital assets exploration and production activities next year;

(b) if so, by how much;

(c) whether the O & N.G.C. has drawn up its plans to step up its

activities, both within the country and abroad;

(d) whether any measures have been initiated in this direction; and

(e) if so, the broad features thereof?

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

(a) and (b) Against an estimated expenditure of Rs. 184.89 crores for 1974-75, the ONGC plans to spend Rs. 255.36 crores in 1975-76 for its exploration, development and production activities for hydrocarbons. This takes into account the Commission's one-whole offshore operations including its overseas operations

(c) Yes Sir

(d) Yes Sir

(e) During 1974-75, the Commission's oil exploration work included:

(i) Geological and geophysical surveys in almost all the States of India;

(ii) exploratory drilling work in Gujarat, Assam, Tripura, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu;

(iii) production of oil and gas from its Gujarat and Assam fields;

(iv) drilling work in Bombay offshore etc.

All the above items of work are planned to be continued during 1974-76. Additionally during 1975-76 the Commission has planned:

(i) exploratory drilling work in West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir and in Iraq;

(ii) development drilling as a sequel to exploratory drill wherever necessary;

(iii) geophysical surveys in offshore;