

parts of the country by the end of March, 1975 ;

(b) the number of wells in which oil and gas have been found ;

(c) the names of foreign machines used for the drilling work, and

(d) whether the said foreign machines were received as a gift or were purchased ?

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

(a) and (b) Upto the end of February 1975, ONGC drilled 1,163 wells out of which in 685 wells, oil or gas is found Oil India Limited (OIL) drilled 349 wells upto the end of March 1975. Out of these, oil or gas was found in 268 wells.

(c) ONGC has employed the following types of rigs for drilling operations.

1. BU-75, 3D, 5D (Russian)
2. 5 LD, 4 LD, 2 DH (Rumanian)
3. Nat-55, Nat-45 (USA)
4. H-2500—Ideco (Italian)
5. Sagar Samrat (a Japanese built Mercury type jack-up drill ship).

OIL is employing the following types of rigs for its drilling operations.

1. FE1, FE2 (steam rigs)
2. Nat 130, Nat 1320 M (diesel rigs).

(d) They were all purchased.

बर्ष 1973 तथा 1974 के दौरान रेलवे माल की चोरियों में फंसे रेल कर्मचारी

6119. श्री मूलचन्द हाया : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन रेल कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है जो कि वर्ष 1973 तथा 1974 के दौरान, जलन-जलन चोरी करते हुए जबका रेलवे माल की चोरी करने वाले को कष्टता देते हुए रंगे हाथों पकड़े गये तथा उन्हें बरामद हुए माल का मूल्य कितना है और उनके विरुद्ध, जलन-जलन क्या कार्यवाही की गयी ?

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मूल्यना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और लाना-पड़ने पर रक दी जाएगी।

Revision of Policy on Coal-Based Fertilizer

6120. SHRI SHARAD YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to revise their policy to coal-based fertilizer ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the price of urea has risen much more sharply than the price of crude oil ,

(c) whether it is a fact that export of one fourth of the urea produced in one unit will earn sufficient foreign exchange for the purpose of making crude oil to produce this urea , and

(d) if so, the details of the new Government policy with regard to fertilizer production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) No, Sir It is the intention that, subject to logistic and other considerations, fertilizer plants to be set up hereafter, should, to the extent possible, be based on coal.

(b) to (d) The question of export of fertilizers to pay for the import of petroleum feedstock required for the production of fertilizers does not arise as a substantial part of the country's requirement of fertilizers is still met by imports.

Government's policy in regard to fertilizer production is to maximise indigenous production both by improving the performance of operating units and by setting up additional capacity, so as to reduce the country's dependence on import of fertilizers to the extent possible. It is also Government's intention to diversify the feedstock so as to maximise the use of indigenously available resources.