

Production of Associated Gas and Crude from off-shore areas of Maharashtra and Gujarat

948. SHRI DHAMANKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the anticipated production of associated gas along with the potential crude production from the Bombay High off-shore area and other promising off-shore structures of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) whether any active advance planning has been done on the profitable utilisation for industrial and other purposes of associated gas which will be available from off-shore projects; and

(c) if so, what are the projects which could be harnessed and based on associated gas and other phased programmes so as to avoid pointless flaring of the gas for want of outlets to use it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) to (c). At the optimal level, the production of oil from Bombay High off-shore field is expected to be around ten million tonnes per annum and the production of associated gas around three million cubic metres per day. The production potential of Bassein and other off-shore structures where oil has been discovered is yet to be estimated. The issues relating to the transportation and utilisation of the associated gas from Bombay High field are under study.

Completion of alternate alignment on Kangra Valley Railway

949. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alternate alignment on Kangra Valley Railway has been completed; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which the line would be opened to goods and passenger traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). Work on the re-alignment of the section between Jawanwala Shahr and Guler stations of the Kangra Valley Railway line is still in progress. M/s. Braithwaite, Burn & Jessop Construction Co. Calcutta, who have been entrusted with the work of fabrication and erection of girders for three major bridges (Dehradun Sukhad and Gail) on the project, have been specifically requested to expedite the work on these bridges and to try to complete the work by end of September, 1978. It would be possible to open this line soon after completion of the bridges—say by 31-10-1978.

Running of train between Mangalore and Subramanya Road

950. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to run passenger trains between Mangalore and Subramanya Road on the newly laid railway line in South Kanara District; and

(b) if so, the date by which the line will be opened for the traffic?

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

(b) Tentatively by the end of December, 1978.

Restoration of Roads near Mangalore

951. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two roads from Neerunmarga to Valachhil and Neerunmarga to Arkula near Mangalore have