

(c) No indication can be given until further exploratory drilling has been undertaken.

Vacant Belt on Assam border

157. **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Ravindra Varma:
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:
Shri Bagri:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri K. N. Tiwari:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Mehta:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government has pointed out the difficulty arising out of creating one-mile belt on the Assam border since it involves the removal of inhabitants from there and the question of their further settlement;

(b) whether in the course of the discussion held between the Government of India and the Government of Assam, a suggestion was made to give careful thought to put up a barbed wire fencing on the border; and

(c) the progress made in creating the one-mile belt on Assam border?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Minister of Defence Supplies in the Ministry of Defence (Shri Hathi): (a) and (c). The State Government have made certain alternative suggestions, which are under consideration.

(b) Due to certain practical difficulties, the proposal has, for the present, been dropped.

Drilling by O.N. G.C. and Oil India Ltd.

158. **Shri R. G. Dubey:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Ltd. have drilled nearly 360 oil producing wells so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the O.N.G.C. have drilled 34 gas producing wells and Oil India Ltd. 83; and

(c) if so, the location thereof and the average yield per year from these sources?

The Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** (Shri Alagesan): (a) The actual number of wells drilled is 376.

(b) The ONG Commission and Oil India Ltd., have drilled 34 and 9 gas wells respectively.

(c) Locations may not be disclosed as per the Defence of India Rules. The term "average yield per year" is not understood. But in 1965, the total oil produced in all areas was 2.86 million tonnes and the total gas was 137 million cubic metres.

Lubricating Plant, Bombay

159. **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Dr. P. N. Khan:

Will the Minister of **Petroleum and Chemicals** be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed between the Government of India and ESSO for the construction of a jointly owned lubricating oil base stock refinery at Bombay;