

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANWAR) : (a) and (b) Geological survey has been carried out by ONGC in the Kutch main land, Khadir island, Pachham island, Bela island, Waghad island and Chorar Hills. The district of Kutch has been under focus for exploration since 1956 and 31420 sq. km. Geological surveys, 8567 stations of GM surveys, 2061 GLK of single fold and refraction survey and 1410 GLK of multifold seismic surveys which includes 367 LKM in Rann of Kutch have been carried out in this basin. Besides, 5 exploratory wells have been drilled which proved dry. Additionally, under Exploration Bidding Rounds, contract for 2 blocks viz. GK-ON-90/2 (Under Fourth Round) and GK-ON/4 (Under Seventh Round) falling in onshore area of Rann of Kutch, Gujarat have been signed in 1998 with Okland International LDC, USA and Phoenix overseas Ltd. India, respectively.

23,730 LKM of Aeromagnetic data covering 48,000 sq. km. has been acquired in Rann of Kutch and contiguous offshore part by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons through NRSA during 1995-96.

(c) Does not arise.

Dues of PFC against SEBs

2855. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the outstanding dues of Power Finance Corporation against State Electricity Boards as on January 31, 1999, State-wise;

(b) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to realise them;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal to reschedule payments to power utilities; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER, MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) The borrower-wise details of the outstanding dues of Power Finance Corporation as on 31st January, 1999 are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) The Power Finance Corporation has issued "guidelines for applications or remedial steps, in the event of default by the borrowers" which form part of the loan terms and conditions. These, inter-alia, include follow-up through written communication, issue of letter of warning about the impending suspension of further loan sanction and disbursement, invoking escrow account/bank guarantee, issue of legal notice, invocation of State Government guarantee etc.

(c) and (d) Rescheduling, if any, of payments due to Central Power Utilities is done by the utilities themselves with the approval of their Board of Directors. This depends upon merits of the case, terms and conditions of the payments dues, the eligibility criteria etc.

Statement

Borrower-wise details of the outstanding dues of Power Finance Corporation as on 31st January, 1999

| | | (Rs. in crores) |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
| S.No. | Borrower | Outstanding Amount |
| 1. | DPL | 0.56 |
| 2. | BSHPCCL | 0.65 |
| 3. | Govt. of Goa | 0.09 |
| 4. | Govt. of Manipur | 0.03 |
| 5. | Govt. of Nagaland | 0.45 |
| 6. | Govt. of Sikkim | 0.53 |
| 7. | GRIDCO | 1.23 |
| 8. | MPEB | 24.64 |
| 9. | TVNL | 0.11 |
| 10. | WBPDCCL | 8.35 |
| 11. | WBSEB | 0.15 |
| Total | | 36.79 |

Poliomyelitis

2856. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has snapped cooperation with India in the field of eradication of Poliomyelitis; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Bharat Immunologicals and Biological Corporation Limited (BIBCOL) was established as a public sector undertaking under the Department of Biotechnology for production of Oral Polio Vaccine and other immunobiologicals in technical collaboration with the erstwhile USSR. This company is procuring bulk vaccine from Russia for formulating and supplying oral polio vaccine to the National Immunization Programme. BIBCOL is expecting a certain quantity of bulk to be delivered by Russia during March, 1999.

Tiger Population

2857. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned "Tiger Reserves: Minister