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Bungling on Crude Front

2031. DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND
VERMA:
SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI PYARELAL
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SHRI L.K. ADVANI:
SHRI HARISH PAL:

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

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bungling on the crude front" appearing in the Times of India dated 19 November, 1990;

(b) the production target fixed for the current year by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission whether it is not likely to be achieved;

(c) the reasons therefor and the production loss in crude as a result thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production target fixed for the year for ONGC is 33 million tonnes. Likely achievement is expected to be below this target.

(c) The shortfall in production is likely to be to the extent of 2.174 million tonnes the reasons for the shortfall are:

(i) Bandhs and agitations in

Assam and Nagaland;

(ii) Reduced offtake of crude by Koyali refinery due to LSHS disposal problems;

(iii) Three day strike by officers in the oil Sector;

(iv) Shutting off of certain wells in Gujarat & Bombay offshore due to occurrence of High Gas Oil Ratios;

(v) Occurrence of floods and water logging in Gujarat;

(vi) Delay in development of the Ravva offshore field.

(d) The LSHS disposal problem at Koyali Refinery has been resolved. The Ravva offshore oilfield is being developed expeditiously. A Task Force has also been constituted in ONGC to make an indepth well wise analysis and a crash programme to optimise production from producing fields.

Shortage of Wagons at Udaipur Station

2032. SHRIGULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Udaipur is the largest producer of soapstone, marble, rock-phosphate and zinc in the country which are transported in rakes to other places;

(b) if so, whether adequate number of wagons are made available at Udaipur railway station;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide wagons there as per demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir, Udaipur area is one of one important producers of these commodities and loading is done both in rakes and piecemeal. Adequate wagons are supplied as per priority and in turn to move this traffic. In busy season, however, when higher priority traffic is moved in preference, there is time gap between indent and supply.

[English]

Consumption of Diesel by Railways

2033. KUMARI UMA BHARATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to conserve the diesel by the Railways;

(b) the consumption of diesel by the Railways during 1988-89, 1989-90 and till date; and

(c) the steps taken for electrification of traction to conserve the diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Consumption of diesel oil on Railways is mainly on diesel locomotives for traction purposes. Railways have taken a number of steps to improve the efficiency of diesel locomotives and for conservation of diesel oil. Some of the important steps taken for conservation of diesel oil are:—

(i) Proper house keeping and accountal.

(ii) Monitoring the consumption of diesel on locomotives driver-wise and engine-wise.

(iii) Maintaining locomotives in good mechanical fettle.

(iv) Lubrication of tracks and wheel flanges etc.

(b) The year-wise consumption of diesel oil by Railways during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 (April to September) is as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Consumption of Diesel</i> <i>(in Lakhs KLS)</i>
1988-89	16.79
1989-90	17.05
1990-91 (April to Sept.)	8.27
(Provisional)	

(c) During the VII Plan period a total of 2812 route kms. were electrified, and average of 562 rkm per year bringing the total route electrified to 9252 km upto 31.3.90. In

the first year of the VIII Plan over 1000 route km more are programmed to be electrified, the expectation for the Plan period as a whole being about 3000 rkm.