

(c) Completion will depend upon allocations made for these projects in the coming years.

[*Translation*]

Cancellation of Trains Passing Through Uttar Pradesh

1993. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI PUNDLIK HARI
DANWE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains passing through Uttar Pradesh cancelled from 20 October to 5 November, 1990;

(b) the reasons for their cancellation in each case;

(c) whether some trains have been stopped by the special police during this period without the written orders, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any provision for the suspension and cancellation of trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) 84.

(b) To meet with exigencies of law and order situation in the State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Passenger services can be cancelled, terminated short of destination etc. to meet exigencies of any situation.

[*English*]

Discovery of Oil Reserves

1994. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil India Limited has discovered shale formation in the North-East region that could yield billions of tonnes of recoverable oil;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the shale oil potential in North-East region of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) to (c). Fairly thick and extensive shales are known from the Barail coalshale (Oilgocene) and Disangshale (Eocene) sequences that occupy a very large part of the Assam Arakan Sedimentary Basin of Northeastern India. According to preliminary investigations carried out by Oil India Limited (OIL) some of these shales are capable of yielding crude oil. Based on these preliminary studies OIL have made an estimate of extractable oil which is large. However detailed studies are needed to identify oil shales to determine extractable oil as also to ascertain technical feasibility and economic viability of such extraction in the thickly forested and fragile environment where these shales occur.

[*Translation*]

Introduction of New Trains

1995. PROF. YADU NATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: