

[English]

Sophisticated Technology for extracting Oil

*481. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has introduced a new sophisticated technology for extracting oil from the oil fields?

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent this new technology will be helpful in extracting more oil from the oil fields?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. ONGC have introduced a new Institute Combustion Process technology on a pilot basis in Balol field or North Gujarat on 16.3.1990 using one injector well and four production wells to start with.

(c) This technology is expected to lead to increase in the estimated oil recovery under similar field conditions from 10% under primary drive mechanism to approx. 35-40% of geological reserves.

[Translation]

Licensed Porters at Delhi Railway Stations

*482. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licensed porters working at Delhi Junction, New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway stations;

(b) whether some of these licensed porters have been discharged;

(c) if so, their number and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to reinstate these discharged licensed porters; and

(e) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) 1308 licensed porters are working at Delhi, 1267 at New Delhi and 148 at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The licences of eleven licensed porters of Delhi Station were cancelled for the malpractices like cornering of seats in unreserved coaches.

(d) Their appeals are under disposal on merits.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Oil Exploration

*483. SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of off-shore and on-shore wells dug by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in 1989;

(b) how many of these wells have yielded crude and gas and the quantity thereof; and

(c) the plans of Government to step up