

**Removal/Replacement of Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings**

\*12. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) which are the public sector undertakings whose chief executives were removed or replaced between May and October, 1986;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the criteria followed in making new appointments for those posts ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) During May to October, 1986 the Chief Executives of Cement Corporation of India, Burn Standard Company Ltd. and Cochin Refineries Ltd. were suspended/removed or replaced before the end of their normal tenure.

(b) They were removed/suspended on account of the deterioration of performance or irregularities in implementation of major projects.

(c) The criteria followed in making new appointments to the posts of chief executives

are : (i) job requirement specific to the posts; (ii) Suitability of the candidate; (iii) Qualifications and experience; (iv) Track Record; (v) Quality of Leadership; and (vi) Initiative and Drive.

**Exploration around Maharashtra and Gujarat Coasts**

\*14. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH :  
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has struck a major oil find in the Western offshore belt, off the Maharashtra and Gujarat Coasts;

(b) if so, the details of the finds; and

(c) the steps being taken for further explorations around it for best use of these resources ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). Oil was struck by ONGC at the following three locations recently in the Western offshore areas :

Name of the well	Location	Date
CD-1	50 km. South East of South Tapti Gas Field (About 75 km. West of Daman)	May, 1986
CA-1	—do—	Sept., 1986
B-42-1	150 km. West from Bombay	Sept., 1986

More locations have been released for exploratory drilling to assess the potential of these finds.

**Setting up of Petro-Chemical Promotion and Development Authority**

\*15. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH :  
SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Petro-chemical Promotion and Development Authority (PPD) to identify and support the development of basic petro-chemicals and their end-products, in view of the growing importance of petro-chemicals in the economy; and