

that there is not a single High Court in the country where such facilities are not available. This facility has been provided everywhere.

SHRI BAGUN SUMBRUI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the Ranchi High Court Bench in Bihar, not a single judge has been appointed after September. I have informed the hon. Minister about it.

MR. SPEAKER : It has already been covered.

(English)

They have already said.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of oil from OPEC

*186. **DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO:**

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

(a) whether Government have decided to buy oil from Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in 1987 at eighteen dollars a barrel; if so, the quantity to be purchased;

(b) whether the oil is available at a lesser rate in countries other than OPEC; and

(c) if so the reasons for buying from OPEC ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c) Crude oils of only those varieties, which are required in our system, are purchased in the international market. Some of these come from the traditional sources of our supply who also happen to be members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Rise in assets of large industrial houses.

*187. **DR. B. L. SHAILESH :**

SHRI BHATTAM (SRIRAMA MURTY) :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has lately been a steep rise in the assets of the large industrial houses in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The value of assets of large industrial houses increased by 19.7% 21.8% and 9.6% during 1983, 1984 and 1985, respectively over the preceding year.

(b) Assets of undertakings may increase due to various factors like expansion, diversification, establishment of new undertaking, modernisation, amalgamation, etc.

Oil deposits in Gujarat

*189 **SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :**

SHRI MANIK REDDY :

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

(a) whether heavy oil deposits of about 110 million tons have been traced near Mehsana town in Gujarat;

(b) the number of Pilot Projects which have been taken in hand by ONGC in Gujarat for locating oil and gas; and

(c) the fund spent during 1984-85 and 1985-86 on this account in the State of Gujarat ?