

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) : A Branch Post Office is functioning in the Saistabad Panchayat from 30.12.1983.

[English]

Exploration Drilling Programme of O.N.G.C. in Bengal Basin

470. SHRI R.P. DAS :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state the details of the exploration and drilling programme of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the Bengal basin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : ONGC envisages conducting 2 party years of Gravity Magnetic Surveys, 6 party years of Seismic Surveys and drilling of 20.8 thousand metres with 2 well completion in Bengal basin during the financial year 1985-86.

Firing Exercises in Delhi Cantonment Area

471. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether firing range of Delhi Cantonment Military authorities was under adverse comment in the local Press and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) since when this range for firing exercise was under use ;

(c) whether a good number of residential colonies have sprung up in the vicinity of this range, which came up as unauthorised colonies in the beginning and later were regularised civil authorities ;

(d) whether Military authorities intervened in the matter when unauthorised colonies were coming up and later when they were regularised ; and

(e) if so, whether Military authorities propose to find a safer place for firing exercises ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This range has been in use for the past 50 years or so.

(c) Two colonies namely Narain Vihar and Inderpuri are located to the North West of this firing range, at a distance of approximately 3000 meters.

(d) Military authorities are not concerned as these colonies are not on Military lands.

(d) This is the only range available for training of troops of nearly 120 units stationed in and around Delhi. Its shifting would not be advisable as it would adversely affect the training of troops. However, the safety of residents in the area will not be compromised and additional security measures are being taken.

Setting up of Petro Chemical Projects in the States

472. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which had proposed to the Union Government to set up Petro-Chemical projects in their respective States during the Sixth Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) the State which had offered the Union Government 40 per cent equity share and direct participation in implementing the Petro-Chemical Project in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.