

some efforts had given up hope stating that there was no potential available in the off-shore area in the Saurashtra Coast? Also, is it a fact, that in the past America used to mislead this country with regard to the availability of oil and later on it was found that it was available where America said that it was not available?

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Road-Boaring Machines Purchased by Delhi Telephones and NDMC

*84. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to the news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 24th February, 1985 stating that Delhi Telephones and the New Delhi Municipal Committee have each invested Rs. 5 lakhs on road-boaring machines which cannot be utilised because of lack of information on underground utilities ;

(b) if so, whether both the bodies do not have a master plan of underground utilities and due to that they fear hitting a cable or pipe belonging to the other body and the machines lie unused ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and whether there is a possibility of utilising these machines ?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With large number of public utility services such as sewerage, water mains, electrical cables etc., it has been difficult for Delhi Telephones to obtain

complete updated information relating to all such utilities all over Delhi.

(c) The machine was obtained for carrying out trials to assess the deployment of such machines for cable laying activities in the different telephone systems in the country. Based on the observations made, the machine will be made best use of in areas where this can be deployed.

Production of Priority Bulk Drugs and Formulations thereof by FERA Companies

*86. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ask all FERA companies, like M/s. Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. to produce at least 50 per cent priority bulk drugs and formulations thereof ; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :

(a) : No, Sir. The present Drug Policy does not list priority bulk drugs and formulations and does not stipulate that the production of FERA companies should contain a certain proportion of priority bulk drugs and formulations. Incidentally, M/s. Glaxo having diluted their direct foreign equity to 40%, are no more a FERA company.

(b) : Does not arise.

Price Hike of Maruti Cars

*87. SHRI G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided on a price-hike of Maruti cars ;

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof ; and

(c) whether Indian passenger cars are already one of the most expensive in the world ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) :

(a) : In absence of a statutory price control, it is for the manufacturers to fix prices of their vehicles.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : There is a wide variation in cost of inputs, taxation rates and volumes of production from one country to another. As such it is difficult to make such comparisons.

Reserves of Oil and Gas in the Country

*88. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated reserve of oil and gas in the country, Statewise details thereof ;

(b) what is the plan of ONGC in the Seventh Five Year Plan for drilling and exploration ; and

(c) the estimated cost and distribution thereof ; region-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) : The details of balance recoverable reserves out of proved reserves of crude oil and natural gas in the country, State-wise, as on 1.1.1984 are as under :—

(b) and (c) : The Seventh Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. ONGC, propose to step up considerably their drilling and exploration efforts. Details will, however, be available after the 7th Plan is finalised.

State Onshore	Crude oil (Million tonnes)	Natural gas (Billion Cubic mts.)
(i) Gujarat	88.00	18.60
(ii) Assam	98.05	79.88
(iii) Rajasthan	—	0.54
(iv) Tripura	—	1.08
(v) Nagaland	0.96	0.34
	<u>187.01</u>	<u>100.44</u>
Offshore	323.81	337.81
Total	<u>510.82</u>	<u>478.25</u>

Losses Suffered by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pune

*89. PROF. RAM KRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune continue to suffer heavy losses since several years ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve its working ?