

and some places in Gandhar. Nowhere else have we come across such a structure.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: In Tamil Nadu, at a place called Narimanam in Cauvery Basin crude is found and exploration work is being carried out by the ONGC. The work is going on very well. With the successful exploration in the Cauvery Basin and this place being the best of its kind in India, I want to know how much crude is being taken out from the well in Narimanam, and whether we will be self-sufficient within ten or fifteen years.

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: The area mentioned by the hon. Member is a very good prospective area and we are concentrating our efforts there. In addition to our own efforts by ONGC, we also offered offshore blocks to international companies to explore. But still, it is in the initial stage only and it is very difficult to say how much quantity of oil will be found in that area. I can only say that it is a very good prospective area. If it proves to be another Bombay High, we will become self-sufficient for some time.

[Translation]

Reserved Posts in the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

*125. **SHRI K.N. PRADHAN:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reserved posts for SC/ST candidates in each category lying vacant as on 30 June, 1987 in the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal;

(b) the measures taken to fill them up; and

(c) whether any roster system is being followed by the unit in accordance with the present guidelines?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO): (a) to (c). A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

(a) The number of unfilled reserved posts in BHEL, Bhopal as on 30.6.87 which have been carried forward, is as follows :-

Category of Posts	No. of Posts	
	SC	ST
A	9	2
B	2	—
C	40	199
D (Excluding Sanitary Workers)	4	130

(b) In order to fill up the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, BHEL has taken a number of measures, such as giving wide publicity to reserved posts by supplying copies of advertisements to Director General of Employment and Training, SC/ST Associations, local MPs and MLAs, Commission for SC/ST, announcement through local Stations of All India Radio; relaxation in the prescribed minimum standards for SC/ST candidates; holding interviews in separate groups; issue of exclusive advertisements where necessary; association of an officer of SC/ST with the Selection Committee; sending of selection teams in Tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh for selection of SC/ST candidates, etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

[Translation]

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, no reply has been given to part (c) of my question in which I have asked whether any roster system is being followed in accordance with the present guidelines. Will the hon. Minister also clarify whether any cell has been established there and if so, the names of the officers deputed there? Secondly, how many complaints were registered last year and how many were redressed? Is it true that in the case of promotions, the guidelines are not being followed in this unit?

[English]

SHRI J. VENGALA RAO: Sir, this is about the BHEL's unit in Bhopal. This unit was established in 1956. The reservation policy came into force in 1970, and we are observing it. The total reservation quota is 14 per cent in Madhya Pradesh.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI Tiwariji and Dandavateji quarrel inside and hug each other outside.

MR. SPEAKER: If they start quarrelling outside also, then how will the dispute be resolved?

SHRI K.N. PRADHAN Mr Speaker, Sir, it is understandable if some posts reserved for Adivasis and Scheduled Tribes remain vacant, but why the posts reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates are not being filled? Has Government resorted to desertation during the last three years?

[English]

SHRI J. VENGALA RAO: Sir, after the reservation policy came into force, 7436 employees were recruited between 28.7.1970 and 30.6.1987. In this, the representation of Scheduled Castes is 15.65 per cent and Scheduled Tribes is 7.46 per cent. We are filling up the posts. In the case of Scheduled Castes, it is only 5 per cent less. In the case of Scheduled Tribes, we are not getting candidates in Madhya Pradesh. That is the trouble.

DR. CHINTA MOHAN: I strongly object to the Minister's statement given right now. The Minister has given a very intelligent answer, instead of giving crude facts here

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Is he guilty of intelligence?

MR. SPEAKER: Should I pull him up for that?

DR. CHINTA MOHAN: Instead of dividing them—in BHEL—in the form of Executives, Supervisors, Artisans, etc., he has devised groups A, B, C and D. But here, in the Executive group as per the 1985-86 statistics of BHEL, there are about 10,914, out of whom there are no Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Supervisors are 12,188, and there is no SC or ST, Artisans are 27,953 wherein the Minister has given a statement saying that there are about 40 SC and 199 ST, Supporting staff number about 3,934, out of whom there are no SC and ST.

Coming to clerical staff, as per BHEL's statistics, there are about 6202 persons, and there are no SC and ST, mentioned here. Coming to unskilled staff, there are 11,982 of them, wherein there are only 4 SCs and 130 STs. In respect of the trainees, the number is 1742 out of whom there are no SC and ST. The total is about 74,915 candidates, and there are only about 400 SCs and STs. When you see the figures, it does reach 0.5% in the BHEL organization.

The present Government speaks about socialism and the 20-point programme. I am not able to appreciate what is happening. The Minister has come recently; I am not blaming the Minister. I am blaming the Government. I want to have answers to these questions. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order. Please hear him. No cross-talking please.

SHRI J. VENGALA RAO: Kindly hear me. This question is about the BHEL unit at Bhopal. He is referring to all the BHEL units. How can I answer such questions?

Oil and Gas in the Malabar Coast

*126. SHRI I. RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has made any evaluation of finding oil/gas in the Malabar coast;