

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Minister please take some stringent action.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Sir, I entirely agree with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. Member. But may I point out....(Interruption).

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : फिर वह यह कहेंगे कि आपको अधिकार नहीं है।

श्री बसंत साठे : नहीं, अधिकार है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उसका इस्तेमाल करो।

SHRI VASANT SATHE : Wherever we have tried to implement this with a very clear guidelines of censorship, invariably two things have happened, that is, either the matter has got stayed in the courts or even the Hon. Members of this House and others have come to me to say that we must allow certification of that film.

SOME HON. MEMBERS : No, no. (Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE : It is very easy to say so here. But a general expression is given (Interruptions)

श्री हरिकेश बहादुर : आप नाम बताइए। (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आर्डर प्लीज, आर्डर प्लीज। मिस्टर पण्डित बैठिए। देखिये इस मसले का हल हो गया। (व्यवधान) एक मिनट बैठिये आप। हल यह हो गया कि सारे हाउस में इसके खिलाफ किसी ने आवाज नहीं उठाई। The whole House backs you, and if anybody comes to you please bring that out. You have got the backing of the whole House.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : I am glad that I have got your backing also.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ। ये मनमानी न करें। एक मराठी में फिल्म बनी थी—“गल्ली से दिल्ली”। उसमें ‘प्रतिष्ठान’ शब्द था, इसलिए इन्होंने उसको इजाजत नहीं दी।

श्री बसंत साठे : यह गलत बात है। हमने बिल्कुल नहीं रोका।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : We do not want to give them overriding power to temper with the artistic content of the cinema. (Interruption).

MR. SPEAKER : Why are you mixing these two things ? We have only to curb the instincts of violence, crime, sex and horror.

DR. KARAN SINGH : We want half-an-hour discussion on this some day. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER : I think, we have passed something good today. You have done a good job. Let us pursue it.

Production of Oil During Sixth Five Year Plan

*171. SHRI B.V. DESAI :
SHRI P.M. SAYEED :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that oil production in the first two years of the Sixth Five Year Plan has been below the target ;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for the same ;

(c) whether ONGC has also prepared a ten-year programme for oil production, 1980-90 ;

(d) whether this also fall short of the target ;

(e) if so, what are the main reasons for not fulfilling the targets on both the above plans ;

(f) what are the steps being taken to fill up the targets fixed for oil production for the Sixth Five Year Plan and also for the proposed ten-year programme ; and

(g) to what extent it will be advisable to follow both the programmes simultaneously without proper results ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The reasons for the shortfall in the onshore production in the first two years of the Sixth Five Year Plan were mainly the civil disturbances in the Eastern Region.

The reasons for the slight shortfall of about 4% of the target in offshore production in 1980-81 are the slightly late commissioning of two platforms and modifications required in the BHN process platform and some other platforms. The reasons for shortfall (of 5% of the target) in 1981-82 are the late receipt of a jack-up rig, the large abrupt but temporary change in the quality of crude oil which affected its offtake by the domestic refineries and some temporary operational problems for a short period that affected the loading of tankers.

(c) to (e). ONGC has formulated a conceptual plan frame of accelerated exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons for the period 1980-90. This conceptual plan frame envisages

a total outlay of Rs. 28,995 crores and requires a detailed study and this study has commenced. The question of fulfilling the targets, therefore, does not arise at this stage.

(f) It is proposed to further step up the production in the remaining part of the plan period and the Sixth Five Year Plan targets of production are expected to be fulfilled, if not exceeded.

(g) Exploration being a continuing activity, it is essential to have a long-term plan frame while implementing the on-going programmes. There is no reason at this stage to anticipate any shortfalls.

SHRI B.V. DESAI : While replying to my question, the Hon. Minister has accepted that there is a shortfall in the production of crude in the onshore and offshore areas because of certain reasons which he has explained. In the onshore areas he has stated that this is due to disturbances in the eastern region and in the offshore areas, the shortfall in production is on account of the late commissioning of two platforms, temporary change in the quality of crude oil and the late receipt of a jack-up rig. He has also stated that due to these reasons, there was a shortfall in the offshore production to the extent of 4% and 5% of the target. I would like to know if these reasons could not have been avoided, and whether proper steps have been taken to avoid those reasons for which the shortfall has taken place. Nonetheless, the Hon. Minister has assured us that the 6th Plan targets will be fulfilled, if not exceeded. Will be kindly reassure that ?

Secondly, we are happy that they have envisaged a conceptual plan frame for ten years from 1980 to 1990, and it envisages a large outlay of Rs. 29000 crores. Sir, it is a very

vital problem so far as the Indian economy is concerned and unless we are self-sufficient in oil, it is very difficult to prop up our economy. Therefore, I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, what is the target for 1985 or the Sixth Five Year Plan and what is the target up to 1990? How far is it going to help us in self-sufficiency in oil? And what is the import requirement of oil till 1985 and what do you expect to be imported between 1985 and 1990?

MR. SPEAKER : All supplementaries in one question?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR : Sir, my Hon. friend has asked practically four questions.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, I will deny him the second opportunity.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR : So far as the defects with reference to the off-shore are concerned, my Hon. friend has asked whether they could have been avoided. Well, it is now in the past. They could not have been avoided and it has taken place.

The second part of the question is with reference to the steps that have been taken. As I submitted, because of the late commissioning and other aspects in 1980-1981, we have not been able to reach the required targets. In one year there was a shortage of four per cent, in the other year there was a shortage of five per cent; but I am glad to inform to this Hon. House that in this year from January to March we have exceeded the target by 2.6%. It is 102.6% as on March and from April to June again, the position is that we have exceeded by 2%. I am not deliberately giving the details about ONGC and OIL, but the position as on today is that we have exceeded the target this year.

Now so far as the conceptual plan is concerned, that is a plan which is under discussion. The matter has got to go through the drill of the Finance Ministry, the Planning Commission and the PIB and so on.

So far as the Plan is concerned, since my friend has asked about the targets of the production under this plan, ONGC proposes that in the year 1984-85, under the conceptual plan they have two variants—variant number one and variant number two. Under variant number one, they expect the production to go up to 27.02 million tonnes and under the variant number two also the same thing remains. But when it comes to the question of 1989-90, which my friend has asked, under variant number one it would be 46.50 million tonnes, while under variant number two, if it goes through, it will be expected that 60.50 million tonnes would be produced in 1990—the figures for this period are all probabilistic. My Hon. friend has asked as to what will be the import of these in 1985. Sir, it is not possible for me at this stage to envisage, but I can assure the Hon. House having regard to the production that is likely to be stepped up, the percentage of import is likely to go down very heavily.

SHRI B. V. DESAI : Sir, my second supplementary is

MR. SPEAKER : Don't monopolise, Mr. Desai. It is all right.

SHRI P. V. G. RAJU : Sir, I was informed that oil and gas has been struck at a place called Narsapur in the West Godavari, and the Hon. Minister went there to inaugurate the site. I would like to know whether what has been struck there is commercial. The second question that I would like to know is whether a seismic survey has been made at Godavari-Krishna belt? Godavari and Krishna go through Andhra

Pradesh and I am sure there are great oil deposits in this area.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR : Sir, on the basis of the production test, the Geologists and the scientists have come to the conclusion that in the Narsapur area at the Razole well where we have drilled, there are prospects of hydrocarbons. But it is very difficult at this stage to speak about commercial production.

PROF N. G. RANGA : They have dug for two years like this.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR: That depends on the completion of production testing ; and it is only after that, that I shall be in a position to speak about commercial viability of the hydrocarbons in Razole area.

My Hon. friend's next question is with reference to the seismic survey in Godavari and Krishna. That has been conducted, explorations are going on and the drillings are also speeded up. Two more rigs we have already directed to be put on the on-shore and offshore for the purpose of drilling, apart from those already operating in that area.

Power Generation from the mouths of Rivers

*174. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether experts and scientists have expressed their opinion about the possibility of generation of power from the mouths of most of the rivers of the country;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken note of the opinion of the scientists and experts;

(c) if so, whether the proposal to explore the possibility of getting power from the mouths of the rivers

will be taken into consideration; and

(d) further steps proposed to be taken up by Govt. in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) to (d). There is potential for power generation along the course of rivers wherever a head is available. The economic feasibility would, however, depend upon a number of factors, such as volume of water, head, cost of development etc. A survey of hydro potential available in the country which will no doubt, include all possible sites, is currently being carried out by the Central Electricity Authority. Feasibility studies for developing tidal power in the Gulf of Kutch have already been initiated.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Mr. V. Keshab Das, a scientist of the National Institute of Oceanography had expressed this opinion, viz. that 28,000 megawatts of electricity can be generated from the mouths of rivers. I want to ask whether the Government is seriously thinking of making efforts or experiments, to say which rivers of the different States, including Orissa, are expected to be surveyed in the near future; and what are the criteria to carry out the survey work ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI) : We are not aware of the opinion expressed by experts and scientists about power development from the mouths of the rivers in the country. However, a systematic re-assessment of hydro-electric potential in all the river basins in the country is in progress in the Central Electricity Authority. This will cover all possible sites for development of hydro-power. It includes Orissa also.