

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). ONGC's jack-up platform "Sagar Samrat" has been deployed in Bombay High for development drilling. In addition, ONGC has also charter-hired a second jack-up platform, "Shenandoah" for intensifying development drilling from March this year.

ONGC has charter hired "Haakon Magnus", a semi submersible rig and "Dalmahoy", a drillship and these two rigs are also drilling in Bombay High.

ONGC's seismic survey vessel "Anweshak" is currently surveying parts of offshore area off the coast of Saurashtra.

Besides production sharing contracts have been awarded for the Kutch Bengal-Orissa and Cauvery offshore basins to the Reading and Bates Group, Carlsberg India Group and Asamera Group respectively. The two drill ships "E W Thornton" and "Fredricksburg" engaged by the contractors are carrying out exploratory drilling operations in the Kutch and Bengal-Orissa offshore basins respectively. In the Cauvery offshore, a seismic survey vessel 'Riocontas' engaged by the Asamera Group is currently carrying out seismic surveys. Further exploratory drilling in this area will depend on the results of these surveys.

टिकट निरीक्षण कर्मचारियों (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) को बढ़ियों की सप्लाई

277 श्री भोला मांझी क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ।

(क) क्या बढ़ियों सबंधी समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों के अनुसार पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में टिकट निरीक्षण कर्मचारियों को बढ़ियों सप्लाई की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या इन कर्मचारियों की बढ़ियों सबंधी सुविधा में घोर कटौती की गई है ;

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(ग) यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री बुटा सिंह) :

(क) जी हा ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Drilling at Bakultala

*281 SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether drilling at Bakultala in West Bengal has started, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K D MALAVIYA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The drilling of the first well at Bakultala in West Bengal commenced on 12.8.1975 and is continuing. As on 8.1.1976, the well had been drilled to a depth of 3131 metres, against a projected depth of 3500 metres.

Electrification/Dieselisation on Central Railway

284. SHRI DHAMANKAR Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to go in for further electrification and dieselisation on the Central Railway;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has made any suggestion in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of his Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). There are at present no further electrification proposals on the Central Railway under consideration of the Government. As regards further dieselisation, the same will be undertaken as and when required based on the traffic requirements and availability of diesel locomotives.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Nitrogen by Public Sector Fertilizers Units

*285. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND

FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production capacity of six public sector fertilizers units; and

(b) if they are running below capacity, whether it is proposed to go for more units instead of gearing the existing units to the level of their rated capacity?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). The six public sector fertilizer units mentioned in part (a) of the question presumably refer to the six operating units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI), viz., Sindri, Nangal, Trombay, Gorakhpur, Namrup and Durgapur. In addition to these FCI units, five units in the public sector are also operating in the country. The installed capacities and production performance of all these units during the periods April to December 1975 and April to December 1974 were as under:

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Name of unit	Annual installed capacity	Production	
		April—December 1975	April—December 1974
FCI			
Sindri	90	33.3	37.7
Nangal	80	55.5	30.0
Trombay	81	48.0	43.2
Gorakhpur	80	39.1	54.1
Namrup	45	31.8	28.8
Durgapur	152	22.0	7.8
Total—FCI units	528	229.7	201.6