

की सुझाव कमी कुवेती : यह बात को समझ में आ सकती है कि कोई गलत सुझाव काते और बंदार हो जाय और जइसे जे सिक-लीव लेनी पड़, लेकिन यह मास-सिक-लीव की बात हमारी समझ में नहीं आ रही है ।

#### New Technology for Oil Drilling

\*902. SHRI P. GANGADEB:

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported possibility of finding oil at Dahanu, Diu, Bassein, Tarapur and Tapti in Gulf of Cambay;

(b) if so, whether efforts have been initiated to find oil in the structures at above places near Bombay High;

(c) whether O & N.G.C. is examining the possibility of introducing a new technology of using just one major collecting platform and dispensing with production platforms; and

(d) whether this technology is much more economical than the conventional method of using a fixed production platform?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first well drilled with 'Sagar Samrat' was at Tarapur-structure; drilling of this well beyond 2780 metres approximately had to be abandoned due to certain drilling problems. Ten more locations in the said areas have been released, where exploratory drilling is proposed to be taken up after drilling a certain number of wells in Bombay High.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

SHRI P. GANGADEB: In order to maximise exploration may I know from the hon. Ministry whether O.N.G.C. will set-up more production platforms now on a war-footing to strike oil rich areas in the Gulf of Cambay to meet our oil shortage in the country?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN: As the hon. Member is aware Sagar Samrat is the first drilling platform. If we are lucky to strike oil in Bombay High—the well is already undergoing production tests—and as my senior colleague has told the House we are looking for more platforms and as and when these become available we will certainly procure as much as we can consistent with our financial resources.

SHRI P. GANGADEB: Sir, Since implications of oil finds at Bombay High extend far beyond the Gulf of Cambay, may I know, whether Government is also going to have oil drilling vessels to explore minutely, the oil reserves in the High seas of both Western and Eastern India, and if so, which are the foreign countries already contacted for purchase of such vessels at an early date?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN: As the hon. Member probably knows a large number of locations have been identified as suitable for drilling and hold out promise of bearing oil. We are looking for various countries to take interest in these drilling operations and we are also looking for a ship with seismic survey equipment on board and we are already in touch with the U.S. to find out if a ship would be available. In fact, negotiations are going on.

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that crude has been discovered in myocin rocks, if so, whether efforts have been made to explore oil from the myocin sediments in other parts of the country.

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN: We are looking for oil all over the country. The O.N.G.C. is carrying out drill-

ling operations in different parts of the country both on-shore and off-shore. We are very busy in Assam. In J & K we propose to start drilling operations. In Bengal some exploratory work is going on. Wherever we find any suitable area we carry out the operations.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION National Film Corporation

SNQ. 14 SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for National Film Corporation has been finally considered; and

(b) if so, whether this Corporation will be able to improve the film industry in general?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The proposal has been worked out in detail but has yet to receive Government's final approval.

(b) The National Film Corporation will serve the needs of the film industry but will not be directly concerned with improving the industry in general.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: I find from the Demands for Grants that a provision of Rs. 26 lakhs has been made for this Corporation. What prevents the Government from expediting the decision? Is it due to the composition of the National Film Corporation or the nature of the work of the Corporation?

SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA: It has been worked out in detail. But the final decision has to be processed through the various Ministries. This is being done.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: The hon. Minister has stated that it will serve the needs of the film industry in general but will not be directly concerned with improving the industry of film. If the film industry is to be helped and a healthy film industry established, then assis-

tance should be given to the studio and laboratory equipment. Since the Ministry has already made a proposal for the National Film Corporation, may I know whether it will take up the Indian motion picture export business from the STC. the internal distribution of the films and help the studios and colour laboratories where the films are developed which are suffering at the moment because of want of finance?

SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA: This National Film Corporation will basically deal with the import of films, export of films, distribution and exhibition of films as far as possible, promotion of quality films, servicing of the film industry etc. Naturally, when the National Film Corporation comes into operation, the fallout effect will be felt in other areas, whether in laboratory or in studios.

SHRI H. N. MUKHERJEE: In view of the Minister having just now stated that this contemplated Corporation will look after the exhibition of films also, may I know if that implies that Government is likely through this Corporation, to take over some of the sick cinemas, and particularly cinemas run by such organisations as the Metro Goldwyn Meyer, which can be taken over to begin with as a nucleus of the National Film Corporation?

SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA: As the hon. Member knows, Metro is a case by itself. What the National Film Corporation will propose to do, will be to set up round about 100 theatres in the next five years for the exhibition of films.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: The hon. Minister stated that import of films is one of the functions of this Corporation. Since no foreign exchange allocation has yet been made for the import of films, may I know what are the proposals for the import of foreign films into this country? Would it be on a reciprocal basis of import and export or it would be only import on its own basis?

SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA: May I correct the hon. Member on one