

(b) The cumulative oil production from Bombay High upto the 8th November, 1977 has been approximately 1.23 million metric tonnes.

(c) During 1976-77, 0.4 million tonnes of oil was produced from Bombay High. During the current year, the likely production is 2 million tonnes. By March 1978, therefore, a reduction in the oil import of 2.4 million tonnes would have been effected.

Contributions by Companies to Janata Party and Congress Party

***32. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN:** Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount contributed by Companies to the funds of the Janata Party and Congress Party for State Assembly Elections in June, 1977;

(b) the regulations in force governing the contributions by Companies to election funds; and

(c) the extent of non-compliance with regulations, action taken and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN): (a) No information is available with the Government about the amount contributed by companies to the funds of Janata Party and Congress Party for State Assembly Elections in June, 1977.

(b) Section 293-A of the Companies Act prohibits contribution of any amount or amounts to any political party or for any political purpose by any company. This Department has not issued any separate regulation in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Robbery on Train near Mailani Railway Station

***33. SHRI ROBIN SEN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 80 passengers were robbed at the point of pistol in a running train near Mailani railway station on the Kasganj-Kanpur section of the North Eastern Railway Station on the 13th October, 1977;

(b) if so, whether any culprit has been arrested in this connection; and

(c) action taken by Government to prevent robberies on trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) An armed dacoity affecting seventeen passengers, occurred in 2nd class coach No. GS. 7121 of 61 Up Passenger train between Mailani and Kukra railway stations of the North Eastern Railway on 12-10-1977. ₹

(b) Three dacoits have already been arrested by the Police.

(c) Government Railway Police of the State Governments, who are responsible to maintain law and order, are taking all possible steps to prevent incidence of robberies on railway trains.

Development of Railways in Bundelkhand Region

***34. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4823 on 26th July 1977 regarding rail connection for Panna and state:

(a) whether Bundelkhand region of which Panna is a part, has been the most neglected region in the country with regard to the development of Railways during the First to Fifth Plan periods;