

therefore, relinquished by OIL. Further, 4451 line kms. of seismic surveys were also conducted in the North Eastern Coast Offshore area, off the Orissa coast. Four exploratory wells have been drilled. Although no commercially exploitable hydrocarbon reserves have been discovered evidences were obtained which warranted further seismic surveys. 2800 line kms. of 2-D surveys and 3300 line kms. of 3-D surveys have been conducted during January to March, 1988. The results are being processed and interpreted. The future programme would depend upon the results of the interpretative work in hand.

Complaints against large private sector units setting up small scale industrial units

305. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;
SHRI PASUMPONTHA
KIRUTTINAN;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any complaints in the recent past against large private sector units setting up a number of small scale industrial units;

(b) if so, what action has been initiated against the large units;

(c) what is the total quantity of production, profits etc. made by these small units during the last three years; and

(d) whether any concession in customs duty was granted to these units during the last three years and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instruction has been issued to State/UT Govts. to de-register the

small scale industrial undertakings set up by medium/large scale industrial undertakings.

(c) The information is not centrally monitored.

(d) Customs duty concessions are not based on the consideration of an industrial undertaking belonging to small scale sector or non-small scale sector.

Central Investment in the Industrial Sector

306. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central investment in the industrial sector in different States;

(b) whether Government have any fresh proposal to increase the quantum of industrial investment in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The total central investment in terms of gross block in the Central Public Sector Enterprises in different States as on 31-3-1969 was Rs. 96,580.52 crores.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Discontinuation of daily air service between Madras and Madurai

307. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has discontinued its daily Madras-Madurai air services;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;