

### Discovery of oil fields

471. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new oil fields discovered in the country during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have been put into commercial production; and

(c) what is the target fixed for production of crude oil in the next four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Oil was found in eleven new structures during the last two years. Three of these structures are located in an existing known oil field and have been put to commercial production. For the remaining eight structures further delineation work is in progress to determine the extent of hydrocarbons accumulations to assess the commercial viability of production from them.

(c) A target of production of crude oil for the current year is 29.63 MMT. The targets for crude oil production for the next four years would be firmed up after the Seventh Five Year Plan is finalized.

### Pilferage of bitumen from oil refineries

472. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of pilferage of bitumen in large quantities from oil refineries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the value of bitumen pilfered from oil refineries during the same period; and

(d) what stringent measures are being contemplated by his Ministry to put a stop to pilferage of bitumen from oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

### Super thermal power stations in coastal areas

473. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert panel has suggested the setting up of new super thermal power stations in coastal areas with facility of coal supply through sea routes;

(b) whether the expert panel has also recommended the development of alternative means to transport coal in the Seventh Plan;

(c) whether the panel's recommendations have been accepted and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether a final decision for the setting up of new super thermal power stations in coastal areas has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### Retired information officers working as accredited correspondents

474. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of retired Information Officers Working as accredited correspondents in the Capital; and

(b) since when they are working and their names and the designations at the time of retirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Five officers who retired from Press

Information Bureau are at present accredited as correspondents at the Headquarters

of the Government of India.

(b) The details are given in the statement attached.

#### Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the retired Information Officers who is at present accredited to PIB	Post held at the time of retirement	Date on which accredited
1	Shri B.B. Mathur	Director Public Relations	12-12-1977
2	Shri C.S. Savor	Deputy Principal Information Officer	4-6-1980
3	Shri G.D. Chandra	Information Officer	1-12-1980
4	Shri M.L. Kapur	Information Officer	31-1-1983
5	Shri H.L. Kapur	Information Officer	6-3-1981 to 31-12-1982 and 28-6-1983 to date.

#### Amalgamation of losing pharmaceutical concerns/undertakings

475. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amalgamate the losing concerns/undertakings in the pharmaceutical industry into one unit;

(b) whether it is also proposed to diversify the products and go into production of essential drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The public sector drug companies are mostly engaged in the manufacture of essential drugs. Applications for Industrial Licences for new items both from Public Sector and Private Sector Companies are considered on merits.

#### Collaboration with China for production of antibiotics

476. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether India has made any attempts to collaborate with China on production of antibiotics and other chemicals where China has a special position?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Yes, Sir. Streptomycin plant of Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) was set up in 1962 with technology supplied by M/s. Merck and Company, U.S.A. with a view to upgrade the technology, the company is exploring the possibilities of importing Streptomycin technology from China.

#### T. V. Coverage in Orissa

477. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of areas of Orissa which are likely to be covered by T.V. programmes from April, 1984; and