

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The ONGC has been carrying out exploration work in West Bengal since the early sixties.

(b) The Commission has so far drilled seven wells in West Bengal. Currently exploratory drilling is in progress at two locations.

The total expenditure (provisional) incurred in West Bengal by ONGC up to Nov. '81 was approximately Rs. 20 crores.

(c) and (d) The ONGC has been taking assistance of foreign experts in trying to solve the geological complexities of the area, whenever necessary. Currently one Indo-Soviet seismic party on contract is operating in Bodra-Port Canning-Diamond Harbour area.

Resettlement of Repatriates from Sri Lanka

932. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPAR-DE: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of repatriates from Sri Lanka who are awaiting resettlement in India;

(b) the schemes drawn up for their resettlement; and

(c) the funds being provided by the Central Government to the State Governments where such repatriates are proposed to be resettled?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Upto end of June, 1982, 3,89,067 Sri Lanka repatriates (comprising 97,514 families) arrived in India. Of these 74,862 families who were eligible and had approached the State Governments for assistance have

been resettled upto the end of April, 1982. Except for some applications pending final disposal with the State Governments, most of the remaining families are either not eligible or have not approached the authorities for necessary assistance.

(b) The repatriates eligible for resettlement have been settled in various plantation schemes, in employment through the schemes of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance & Development Bank, in small trade and business, in land colonisation and agricultural schemes, in projects of the Tamil Nadu State Farms Corporation and in industrial schemes like spinning mills etc.

(c) Funds to the tune of Rs. 56.68 crores (Rs. 50.00 crores as loans, which also includes loans provided for composite Industrial Schemes for settlement of repatriates from Burma and Sri Lanka; and Rs. 6.68 crores as grants-in-aid) have been provided by the Central Government to the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat, for re-settlement of these repatriates.

Production of Potassium Chlorate and Red Phosphorous

933. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the quantum of production of potassium chlorate and red-phosphorous within the country during the past three years; and

(b) whether the needs of the industries for which these items are basic raw materials, are being met in full?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The production of Potassium Chlorate