

ceived from the following seven parties.

1. Robertson Research, Australia.
2. Koken Borin Co., Japan,
3. Goomin, Romania.
4. MEC India (in collaboration with foreign parties for non-drilling Part).
5. Coleman Associates, Australia.
6. Stroj-export, Czechoslovakia.
7. Geominco, Hungary.

Technical part of the Tenders was opened on 31-1-81 and presently technical evaluation of bids is being done. Time given to the tenderers is 18 months for the completion of exploration in 2 Blocks of Jharia Coalfield and 2 Blocks of Raniganj Coalfields. Time given for one Block in Pench Coalfield is 24 months after the award of work. Project reports can be prepared only after the necessary geological data is available.

Nationalisation of multinational and Indian monopoly drug industry

*108. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA; SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-DRAKANT BH AND ARE;

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

whether Government's attention has been drawn to a resolution adopted at a convention of representatives of the workers of the Chemicals and Pharmaceutical industry and some trade unions which was inaugurated by Shri B. T. Raradive, President, Central Indian Trade Unions, demanding immediate nationalisation of all multinational and Indian monopoly drug industry; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such policy, hence the question of taking any action does not arise.

Guidelines to monopoly owned newspapers

*109. SHRI GANAPAT HIRALAL BHAGAT; SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to issue guidelines to monopoly owned newspapers to publish constructive news to be in tune with Government's social objectives; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Raising of crude oil and gas production by Oil India Limited

*110. SHRI HARVENDAR SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil India Limited has plans to step up production of crude oil and gas during the current financial year, which may save the country Rs. 400 crores in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, what is the exact nature of the plans and the total expenditure involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.