

RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 9th July, 1980 [the 18th
Asadha, 1902 (Saka)]

The House met at eleven of the clock,
Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

RE. OATH TAKING

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oath taking.
(Interruptions)

श्री शिव चन्द्र झा (बिहार) : इनको
मैथिली भाषा में ओथ लेने दीजिए। दो करोड़
जाग हिन्दुस्तान में मैथिली बोलते हैं। साहित्य
अकादेमी ने भी इसको मान्यता दे दी है।
यह मैथिली में ओथ ले सकते हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jha, please sit
down. Yes, Mr. Yadav.

श्रीमती पुरबी मुखोपाध्याय (पश्चिमी
बंगाल) : आप पहले मैम्बर की वन जाओ।

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Hukmdeo Narayan Yadav (Bihar)
2. Shri Jaswant Singh (Rajasthan)

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting Answer to Starred Question 209.
Regarding Oil Exploration in new areas, put
in the list for the 23rd June, 1980 and laid on
the Table on the 26th June, 1980

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI
VEERENDRA PATIL): Mr. Chairman, Sir,
with your permission, I would like to make
the following statement:—

In reply to part (b) of the question cited
above the figures of Rs. 19220 crores for on
shore and Rs. 295 44 crores for offshore were
given as the total outlay proposed for oil
exploration during 1980-81.

On subsequent check-up it came to light that
the above mentioned figures were incorrect
and the correct figures should be Rs. 64.10
crores and Rs. 49.13 crores respectively. The
error committed earlier is regretted. 554
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**RE. NATIONALISATION OF
BENGAL CHEMICALS**

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West Bengal):
Sir, I have a question to ask. The Hon'ble
Minister had written to us that he would bring
forward the Bill for the nationalisation of the
Bengal Chemicals. You have done it. But I
thought you would bring the Bill before this
House so that we could have passed it. I hope
this will be passed during this Session.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI
VEERENDRA PATIL): So far as
nationalisation of Bengal Chemicals is
concerned, it is under active consideration of
the Government.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: But you have
included it in the Bills. You have announced
it.

SHRIMATI PURABI MUKHO-
PADHYAY (West Bengal): When the Janata
Government was there, they decided to have
it. They visited the place, appointed some
people to go through the accounts and then it
was announced publicly that it has already
been taken over. Now you say it is under
active consideration. We want to know at
what stage the consideration is.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I am very glad,
Sir. I place it before you. In a paper that you
circulated, we get this as one of the Bills.
And, again, it is under active consideration.
For how many years will this gestation of
consideration be? I cannot understand. It is
almost four years. I think it should deliver the
goods now. It is high time the baby is
delivered. Mr. Bahuguna gave the assurance
that would be soon done. Now you still say it
is under active consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have made your
point.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Sir, you kindly
the dictionary and tell us what the word
"active consideration" means in terms of the
calendar year. Does it mean half a century?