

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
लाग 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 मेम्बर तो बन 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. 192.20
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.

RE. NATIONALISATION OF BENGAL CHEMICALS

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA (West
Bengal): Sir, I have a question to
ask. The Hon'ble Minister had writ-
ten to us that he would bring for-
ward 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 Ses-
sion.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM,
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): So far
as nationalisation of Bengal Chemi-
cals 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
got this as one of the Bills. And,
again, it is under active consideration.
For how many years will this gesta-
tion of consideration be? I cannot un-
derstand. 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 considera-
tion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have made
your point.

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