

Untapped oil reserves in Bihar

805. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are untapped oil reserves in the soil of Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take for tapping those oil reserves?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The investigations carried out by ONGC so far have not revealed the presence of oil in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of radio and T.V. centres at Madhubani, Bihar

806. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up radio and T.V. centres at Madhubani in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Madhubani is within the primary grade day-time service of the 10 KW MW radio transmitter located at Darbhanga. The Radio Station at Patna also provides primary grade day-time service to Madhubani. There is, therefore, no proposal to set up a separate radio station at

Madhubani. As regards TV, due to constraint of resources, there is no proposal for setting up a television centre at Madhubani.

Reconstituting the Film Censor Board

807. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstitute the Film Censor Board; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The term of the present Board of Film Censors expires in November, 1980. The Board would then be reconstituted.

Agreement between India and the Soviet Union for the production of drugs

808. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the Soviet Union have signed an agreement on a long term working programme on co-operation between the two countries for the production of drugs; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The working programme covered the following:—

(i) Updating of Production Technology and Modernisation of Equipment in IDPL;

(ii) Co-operation in the production of Basic Drugs, such as Rifampicin, Vitamin B-6 etc.