

**STATEMENT**

*Position of earnings for the period January, 1974 to April, 1974 and July, 1974 to September, 1974*

(In crores of Rs.)

January 1974	96-20
February, 1974	92-11
March, 1974	100-10
April, 1974	101-61
Total for 4 months (January, 1974 to April, 1974)	390 02
July, 1974	108-01
August, 1974	117-55
September, 1974	115-00
October, 1974	Not yet available
Total for 3 months from July, 1974 to September, 1974	340-56

**OFF-SHORE EXPLORATION IN BENGAL AND KUTCH BASINS**

\*297. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two American oil companies which were given contracts for off-shore exploration in Bengal have begun exploration operations;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether those companies have conducted seismic surveys on their own; and

(d) whether Government propose to utilise the data of seismic survey supplied by the Soviet Union earlier?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. D. MALA-VIYA): (a) to (c). In May, 1974 two contracts were signed, one with M/s. Carls-berg India Group and the other with M/s. Reading & Bates Oil and Gas Co. Group, for off-shore exploration and production in the Bengal and Kutch basins respectively. Exploration operations, in both the off-shore areas by way of seismic surveys have already been started by the two groups of companies through their sub-contractors.

(d) The seismic data which have been obtained through the Soviet Seismic Survey earlier will be made use of by the ONGC.

**MAIL TRAIN RUNNING BETWEEN MAHUVA AND DHASA**

495. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mail train running between Mahuva and Dhasa has been suspended;

(b) if so, from which date and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when this mail train will be re-introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) and (c). There are two pairs of passengers and one pair of mixed trail. scheduled to run on Dhasa-Mahuva section. 305/306 passenger trains have been suspended since 4-12-1973 on account of coal shortage. The restoration of these trains will be considered as and when coal position improves and stabilises at a reasonable level.

**HALT OF PASSENGER TRAINS AT JAMB IN AKOLA DISTRICT**

496. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations requesting for halt of the passenger trains at Jamb in Akola district running on Nagpur to Bhusawal railway line; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SARDAR BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Presumably reference is to Jalamb station. All the six pairs of trains running on this route are already scheduled to stop at Jalamb station.

**RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHANAKA AND WANI**

497. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the construction work of Wani-Chanaka railway line in Yeotmal district of Maharashtra: State; and