

## 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. MALAVIYA): (a) to (c). In May, 1974 two contracts were signed, one with M/s. Carlsberg 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 train 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