

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 26th February, 1973/the 7th Phalguna, 1894 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,
MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

BIRTHDAY FELICITATIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

HON. MEMBERS : Many Happy Returns to you, Sir, on your birthday.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Thank you very much. I am very grateful to you all. I will try to serve you better.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FOREIGN COLLABORATION IN OFF-SHORE OIL EXPLORATION

*121. SHRI N. G. GORAY :†

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :

SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE :

SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH MUSAFIR :

SHRI J. S. TILAK :

SHRI S. A. KHAJA

MOHIDEEN :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI GANESH LAL MALI :

DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :

SHRI BANARSI DAS :

{†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri N.G. Goray.

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SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON :

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA :

SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL :

SHRI PITAMBER DAS :

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :

SHRI K. C. PANDA :

SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

SHRI J. P. YADAV :

SHRI O. P. TYAGI :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

SHRI V. K. SAKHLECHA :

SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided to have foreign collaboration for off-shore oil explorations and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) the details of the collaboration offers received; and the decision taken by Government thereon ; and

(c) the success achieved in off-shore drilling so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

In view of the likely increase in the gap between the country's anticipated requirements of crude oil and the expected indigenous production in the coming years,