

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANTS WITH FoReGN COLLABORATION

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SHRI NAWAL KISHORE : SHRI
SITARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI
VEERENDRA PATIL : SHRI S. B.
BOBDEY : SHRI KOTA
PUNNAIAH": SHRI GANESHI
LAL CHAUDHARY : SHRI
GURUMUKH SINGH MUSAFIR :
SHRI J. S. TILAK : SHRI V. R.
PARASHAR : SHRIMATI
VIDYAWATI CHATURVEDI :
SHRI N. JOSEPH : SHRIMATI
SATYAVATI DANG : SHRI A. G.
KULKARNI : SHRI KRISHAN
KANT : SHRI K. P.
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CHANDRA SHEKHAR : SHRI
SITARAM KESRI : SHRI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided
to set up fertiliser plants with foreign
collaboration, if so, the details thereof ;
and

(b) whether there is a proposal to enter
into such collaborations with Japan, if so,
the details in this regard and the steps
taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.
BOROOAH): (a) and (b) In the setting up
fertilizer plants, minimum external
assistance in terms of technical know-how
in certain areas and foreign exchange

financing is still required. Some proposals
in this regard have been received and are
under consideration. These proposals
include I an offer based on Japanese
assistance, which is also under
consideration.

OIL EXPLORATION IN TRIPURA

*128. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the
Minister of PETROLEUM AND
CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rich
deposits of oil have been located in
Tripura ;

(b) if so, whether Government have
started exploration, and with what results
; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the
exploration was delayed because of the
difficulty in transport owing to the
outbreak of hostilities on the eastern
border ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K.
BOROOAH) : (a) and (b) It is true that as
a result of the surveys conducted till now,
a number of favourable structures have
been located in Tripura. The extent to
which they are oil-bearing would be
known only after they are tested through
deep drilling. The ONGC has already
started drilling at one of the structures,
namely at Baramura, where operations
are still in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

AGREEMENT FOR OIL DRILLING PLATFORM WITH MITSUBISHI COMPANY OF JAPAN

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GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY
:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil drilling platform for which an order was placed with the Mitsubishi Company of Japan, has not been delivered despite the commitment of the Company to deliver it by September, 1972 ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take legal action with a view to recovering penalty from the Company as per the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI D. K. BOROOAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mitsubishi had been conducting a series of sea trials on the platform in Japan in order to determine fully its fitness in terms of the contract. These trials are still continuing.

(c) The ONG Commission will be claiming liquidated damages from the Mitsubishi as per the terms of the contract.

*130. [Cancelled]

IMPROVED FOUR-WHEELER COVERED WAGONS

*131. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have developed an improved four-wheeler covered wagon with 25 per cent more capacity than the conventional wagons; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how its cost compares with that of a conventional wagon and the steps contemplated to promote the use of the new type of wagons on Indian Railways ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The improved B.G. four-wheeler covered wagon with the nomenclature 'CRT' has been designed to carry 27.54 tonnes against 21.73 tonnes being carried in the existing conventional wagon type 'CR'. Its volumetric capacity is 61.90 cubic metres against 51.4 cubic metres that of 'CR'. It is fitted with 20 tons axle load wheel-sets with roller bearing axle boxes and light weight transition type centre buffer couplers.

Its cost is about Rs. 44,500 against Rs. 30,400 for a conventional covered four-wheeler wagon. Before finalising the design of this wagon various representative bodies of Commerce and Trade, were consulted and modifications suggested by them have been taken into account to the extent possible. As such these wagons would be acceptable to the trade etc.

NATIONAL WATER GRID PLAN

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SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR : SHRI
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SANAT KUMAR RAHA : SHRI
J. S. TILAK : SHRI GURUMUKH
SINGH

MUSAFIR : SHRI KALYAN
ROY : DR. 2. A. AHMAD : SHRI
BHOLA PRASAD : SHRIMATI
LAKSHMI KUMART

CHUNDAWAT : SHRI
SAWAISINGH SISODIA : SHRI S.
KUMARAN : SHRI SUNDAR
MANI PATEL : SHRI KOTA
PUNNAIAH : SHRI KRISHAN
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CHOUDHURY :