

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS****SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANTS  
WITH FOREIGN COLLABORATION****\*127. DR. Z. A. AHMAD :**

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL :

SHRI S. B. BOBDEY :

SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDH-  
ARY :SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH MUSA-  
FIR :

SHRI J. S. TILAK :

SHRI V. R. PARASHAR :

SHRIMATI VIDYAWATI CHATUR-  
VEDI :

SHRI N. JOSEPH :

SHRIMATI SATYAVATI DANG :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

SHRI KRISHAN KANT :

SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAMENON :

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :

SHRI SITARAM KESRI :

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

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  
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 hostili-  
ties 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**

**\*129. DR. K. NAGAPPA ALVA :**

SHRI BANARSI DAS :

SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAU-  
DHARY :

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 wheelsets 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**

\*132. **SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHEN :**  
**SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR :**  
**SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :**  
**SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :**  
**SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA :**  
**SHRI J. S. TILAK :**  
**SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH**  
**MUSAFIR :**  
**SHRI KALYAN ROY :**  
**DR. Z. A. AHMAD :**  
**SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :**  
**SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI**  
**CHUNDAWAT :**  
**SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :**  
**SHRI S. KUMARAN :**  
**SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :**  
**SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH :**  
**SHRI KRISHAN KANT :**  
**SHRI O. P. TYAGI :**  
**SHRI SITARAM KESRI :**  
**SHRI H. S. NARASIAH :**  
**SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY :**