

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### SETTING UP OF FERTILIZER PLANTS WITH FoReGN COLLABORATION

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SHRI NAWAL KISHORE : SHRI  
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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  
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SHRI N. JOSEPH : SHRIMATI  
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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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