

beginning in January 1973, with the help of a self-propelled, self-elevating, mobile drilling platform which was being constructed in Japan. This platform is expected to be delivered in Japan during this month and to reach Bombay in the next month.

ONGC also plan to continue offshore seismic surveys in the coming years in order to cover the various prospective areas in the Continental Shelf of the country. In case these surveys lead to the discovery of other favourable structures, the testing of those through drilling operations would be considered at the appropriate time.

COMMUNICATION ON MANUFACTURING OF POWER EQUIPMENT

Hi. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Committee appointed by the Government to assess the capacity of indigenous units manufacturing power house equipment has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what, are its main recommendations; and

(c) the decision taken by Government on the recommendations made in the report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BAIJ NATH KUREEL):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

WAGON REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRIES IN RAJASTHAN

17. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average yearly requirements of railway wagons of the following industries in Rajasthan for loading their products:

(i) Soapstone industry,

(ii) Cement industry,

(iii) Minerals/Oilseeds/Salt industry;

and (iv) for loading foodgrains;

(b) the number of wagons supplied under each head during the current year against their requirements; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to supply more wagons to Rajasthan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) This information is not available with this Ministry.

(b) The number of wagons supplied and loaded with these commodities during the period January to September 1972, are furnished below:

	Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge
Soapstone ..	291	(MOD)
Cement	24,806	28,733
Minerals		41,855
Oilseeds ..	801	7,058
Salt ..		21,438
Foodgrains ..	1,137	44,482

(c) Consistent with the requirements of essential commodities all over the country, effort is being made to regulate supplies equitably for all commodities in different areas.

RAILWAY LABOUR TRIBUNAL AWARD

48. SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the one-man Railway Labour Tribunal Award as announced on the 21st August, 1972; and

(1>) if so, the details of the decision taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b) The report of the Railway Labour Tribunal, 1959 is still under examination by Government.