

services are available and are availed of by all communities, this Programme is not likely to vary to any appreciable degree, the population of various communities in India.

*206. [Transferred to the 4th December, 1969.]

OFF-SHORE OIL CONCESSION BY SAUDI ARABIA

*207. SHRI K. C. PANDA :
DR. B. N. ANTANI :
SHRI M. RUTHNASWAMY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have been offered an off-shore oil concession by Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of India have accepted this offer and whether it would lead to increasing our oil production or the foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The possibilities of collaboration in oil exploration between the two countries have been discussed in a very general way. This matter may be pursued at a later date.

SEA EROSION IN KERALA

*208. SHRI B. V. ABDULLAH KOYA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the financial assistance given to the Kerala Government for checking sea erosion on Kerala coast so far; and

(b) if no such assistance has been given so far, the reasons for the delay in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) and (b) Central assistance is given to States for approved anti-sea erosion schemes as a part of the Flood Control Programme. The loan assistance given

to the Government of Kerala for flood control and anti-sea erosion work is as follows :—

	Rs. in Lakhs
I Plan	Nil
II Plan	41
III Plan	366.69
1966-67	90.00
1967-68	75.00
1968-69	75.00
TOTAL	647.69

The Government of Kerala has reported that out of this, an amount of Rs. 485.03 lakhs has been utilised for Anti-sea Erosion Schemes.

FERTILISER PLANTS IN INDIA

465. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has sent any Commission for assessing the situation for financing the Fertiliser Plants in the country; and

(b) whether the Commission has visited Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : The World Bank has recently sent a team to study the fertilizer demand in the country in the context of possible Bank financing of fertilizer plants in the public sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The data collected by the Mission is being processed and the Mission will submit its report to the Bank in due course.

L.I.C. ACCOUNTS

466. SHRI T. SIDDALINGAYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the accumulated amount to-date under the suspense account of premia in the Life Insurance Corporation; and