

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

(b) in what manner those several items, are going to be disposed of by the Life Insurance Corporation or by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. BHADILKAR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

DEATHS DUE TO HEART ATTACKS

467. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during recent time there has been an increase in the rate of deaths due to heart attacks in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the preventive measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a) It is the general impression of the heart specialists and physicians in the country that there is an increase in the rate of deaths due to heart attacks though there has been no definite controlled study to this effect.

(b) There is no single etiological factor which can be preventive. What is needed is a proper appreciation among the people affected of the known causative factors such as high blood pressure, increased blood cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity and decreased physical activity.

UNUTILISED CAPACITY IN PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

468. SHRI M. SUNDARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of unutilised capacity in the Public Sector Undertaking and the reasons thereof; and

(b) the remedial measures proposed to be adopted by Government undertaking-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) A statement is enclosed. [See Appendix LXX, Annexure No. 22.]

(b) The measures taken to improve capacity utilisation come broadly in the following categories :

- (1) Diversification of production.
- (2) Promotion of Exports.
- (3) Coordination with requirements of other public undertakings.
- (4) Introduction of modern management techniques.

In regard to diversification, Hindustan Machine Tools has already commenced production of horizontal boring machines, single-spindle automatics, multiple-spindle automatics, etc., and they have proposals to take up the manufacture of a few more items. Similarly Foundry Forge Plant of the Heavy Engineering Corporation has undertaken manufacture of gun barrels, pipe moulds, components for marine diesel engines. Proposals for diversification are under consideration by National Instruments Ltd., Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation. Heavy Machine Tool Plant of Heavy Engineering Corporation.

For ensuring greater coordination within the public sector, it has been decided to set up two consortia—one for power projects and other for industrial projects. Apart from this, the purchase requirements of the public sector and Government Departments are being coordinated to ensure increased utilisation of capacity. In this connection mention could be made of National Mineral Development Corporation's purchase of mining equipment from Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation and the purchases of machinery by Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels from Tungabhadra Steel Products.

NATIONALISED BANKS AND CROP INSURANCE

469. SHRI K. SUNDARAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to use a part of the funds of the nationalised banks for financing crop insurance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?