

be more and imports less, and vice versa. We cannot be pinned down to a particular position with a particular country and we do not discriminate against any country, other things being the same. Our aim is to develop more and more our foreign trade and we take all possible measures to that end. At a particular moment it is not our concern whether trade with a particular country has developed to the detriment of a third country. Our foreign trade in general should develop.

EXTRACTION OF PETROL

*636. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of petrol extracted from Indian oil fields during the last year; and

(b) whether Government are negotiating with any foreign companies for undertaking drilling operations in India for the extraction of petrol?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) It is not the practice to make such information public.

(b) Yes, Sir.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : اس وقت ہندوستان میں کتنے پٹرول کی ضرورت ہے ؟ کتنا باقی رہے ملنا چاہتا ہے اور کتنا یہاں پیدا ہوتا ہے ؟

f [MOULANA M. FARUQI: How much petrol is required in India at present? How much is imported and how much is extracted here?]

سرदार سوارن سنگھ : تقریباً ۶۶

f [SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: About 95 per cent, is imported.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : ہندوستان میں کہاں کہاں پٹرول کی زمینیں ہیں جہاں سے آپ تیل نکالتے ہیں یا آئندہ نکالنے کی تجویز کر رہے ہیں ؟

11 MOULANA M. FARUQI: At which places in India are oil fields situated, from where oil is extracted or is proposed to be extracted?]

سرदार سوارن سنگھ : اس وقت صرف ڈیگبوی آیل فیلڈ سے تیل نکالا جاتا ہے ۔ اُپمید ہے کہ بنگال کے کچھ حصوں میں بھی تیل نکالا جا سکے گا، اسکے متعلق اسٹوریجنگ کا کام جاری ہے ۔

11 SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: At present, oil is extracted only from Digboi oil fields. It is hoped that it will be possible to extract oil from some places in Bengal also. Work of exploration is being carried on in this connection.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آسام میں کچھ زمینیں ایسی ہیں جنکے متعلق یہ تجویز ہے کہ وہاں سے پٹرول نکل سکتا ہے اور آئندہ بھی نکالا جا سکتا ہے ؟

t[MOULANA M. FARUQI: Are there some places in Assam, about which it is said that oil can be found there and can be extracted from there in the future also?]

سرदार سوارن سنگھ : ڈیگبوی تو آسام میں ہے اور وہاں سے تیل نکالا جا رہا ہے ۔

t[SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Digboi is in Assam, and oil is being extracted from there.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : پتروئل کی
دیفائنڈری کہاں کہاں قائم کی گئی
ہیں ؟

t[MouLANA M. FARUQI: At which
places have refineries of petroleum been
established?]

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : गवर्नमेंट ने
रिफाइनरी के जरिये पेट्रोल निकालने का
कोई काम नहीं किया है ।

t[SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Government
have taken no steps to establish refineries for
refining petroleum.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : جو فارن
کمپنیاں دیفائنڈری کے ذریعہ تیل نکال
رہی ہیں وہ کن کن جگہوں پر ہیں ؟

t[MOULANA M. FARUQI: At which
places have refineries been established by
foreign companies for refining oil?]

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : स्टैंडर्ड वेच्युम
आयल कम्पनी और बर्मा शैल अपनी
अपनी अलाहिदा रिफाइनरी बम्बई में
बना रहे हैं। कालटेक्स से भी एक
मोआहिदा हुआ है जो विशाखपत्तनम् में
एक रिफाइनरी बनायेगी ।

t[SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: The
Standard Vacuum Oil Company and Burma
Shell are establishing their respective
refineries in Bombay. An agreement has been
made with Caltex also which will set up a
refinery at Visakhapatnam.]

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا یہ تاجوویز
نہیں ہو سکتی کہ جہاں پر زمین سے
پتروئل نکالا جاتا ہے وہاں پر ہی
دیفائنڈریز قائم کی جائیں تاکہ مال

پہونچانے میں جو صرف ہونا ہے وہ نہ
ہو ؟

t[MouLANA M. FARUQI: Can it not be
arranged that refineries are estab lished at
those very places where petroleum is
extracted, so that expenditure on transport
may not be incurred?]

सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह : ऐसा नहीं हो
सकता है । डिग्बोई आयल फ़िल्ड जहां से
तेल निकलता है वहां प एक रिफाइनरी
भी है ।

t[SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: This cannot
be done. However, at Digboi oil fields, from
where oil is extracted, there is a refinery.]

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Does the survey
undertaken in West Bengal reveal that, the oil
to be found is within the Indian territory
altogether?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is too early
to make any firm statement of that nature.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: How is it
against the public interest to reveal how
much petrol has been extracted from the oil
fields?

SAHDAR SWARAN SINGH: The
quantity of exploration in any parti
cular year with regard to our mineral
resources is not something.....

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: I am asking the
question and the question is, based on the
answer that you have ! given to (a) "It is not the
practice to make such information public." Why
is it so?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: That is what I
was answering. The quantum of the extraction
of the quantities of oil in any particular year is
not something which we should parade to the
world because we should know what I our
resources are. They are meagre.

tEnglish translation.

There are other sources from which we get our supplies and those countries do not give any information relating to the extraction of oil in a particular place. We follow the practice followed elsewhere.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is the Government not aware that any Year Book — which can be easily found in our Parliament Library, and if it is not there in the Secretariat Library—gives figures, country after country, relating to the amount of oil that they are extracting from their own Oil wells?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I will leave the hon. Member to draw his own conclusion but the Government has not given any information of that nature.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether the Government has any information that in Sunderbans petroleum can be found?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I will be very happy if that information could be confirmed.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it not a fact that the quantum of extraction is known to a foreign company which holds world's monopoly in oil?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Extraction takes place only in Digboi oil fields. The Digboi oil fields are managed by the Assam Oil Company which is a subsidiary company of the Burma Shell and Burma Shell is not an Indian company. Therefore the extraction should be obviously known to the firm that is extracting.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Sir, when a foreign company knows it

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, if the requisite information is known to a foreign company why should it be concealed from us, that is his question.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is not a question of concealing anything, Sir. If any Member is feeling particularly interested, he can come and get the figure

but it is not usual in any country to give the quantities of petroleum products which are extracted in any particular year.

ANTI-BIOTIC MEDICINES

*637. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the number of factories which are at present producing anti-biotic medicines in India, and the quantity they are producing per annum?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : Aureomycin is the only antibiotic drug which is at present being manufactured in the country. Only one factory is producing it and its production during the year 1953 was 318 kg.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I ask what other anti-biotics are being produced in India excluding Penicillin, Aureomycin and Streptomycin?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: There are different plans but at the present moment this is the only anti-biotic that is being actually produced.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know whether the raw material for the production of these anti-biotics is available in India or is it to be imported from outside?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I have not got the exact information.

MAJOR-GENERAL S. S. SOKHEY: May I ask whether Aureomycin produced in its entirety in India or out of imported semi-finished product only?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I should not like to hazard an answer to that, Sir. It may be that unprocessed raw material is imported. I have no exact information.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I know Whether there are Indian technicians to