

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 باہر سے مڈائیا جانا ہے اور کتنا یہاں پیدا ہوتا ہے ؟

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

سرदार स्वर्ण सिंह : तकरीबन ६५ फ सदां बाहर से मंगाया जाता है ।

†[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 ؟

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

سرदार स्वर्ण सिंह : इस वक्त सिर्फ डिगबोई आयल फील्ड से तेल निकाला जाता है । उम्मीद है कि बंगाल के कुछ हिस्सों में भी तेल निकाला जा सकेगा, इसके मुतालिक एसप्लोरेशन का काम जारी है ।

†[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 ؟

†[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 स्वर्ण सिंह : डिगबोई तो आसाम में है और वहां से तेल निकाला जा रहा है ।

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

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

†[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 ।

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

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

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

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

†[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 تھروپز
نہیں ہو سکتی کہ جہاں پر زمین سے
پتروئل نکالا جاتا ہے وہاں پر ہی
دیفانڈری قائم کی جائیں تاکہ مال

پہونچانے میں جو صرف ہونا ہے وہ نہ
ہو ؟

†[MOULANA M. FARUQI: Can it not be arranged that refineries are established 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 फील्ड जहाँ से तेल निकलता है वहाँ पर एक रिफाइनरी भी है ।

†[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?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: The quantity of exploration in any particular 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 our resources are. They are meagre.

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