

(a) whether it is a fact that the failure of ONGC to supply gas on schedule to Hazira Fertilizer Project in Gujarat in resulting in a daily production loss of Rs. 1 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons for this failure; and

(c) the steps being taken to correct the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). There has been some slippage in the completion of the ONGC project for supply of gas to the KRIBHCO fertilizer project. The project consists of laying submarine and onland pipeline. The submarine portion has already been completed. Work is in progress for the onland portion. The main reasons for the slippage are :

1. Capsizing of two dredgers
2. Failure of a 200 tonnes Winch resulting in injuries to many and death of one person.
3. Breakage of Winch rope.

(c) The present plan for completion of work requires pulling of the pipeline by M/s. Mc. Dermott's barge with the "tie-in" (welding) of pipes at four location in the middle of River Mindola. Both these operations are critically dependent on weather and tidal conditions. Simultaneously an alternative contingency plan involving laying of 25 km. land line pipe to bypass Mindola river has also been drawn up.

Report of Oil cost Review Committee

1153. SHRI V. SOBHANADRESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the Oil Review Committee; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) and (b). The Oil Cost Review Committee has submitted its report to Government which is under examination.

Setting up of Heavy Industries in Bihar

1154. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether regional imbalance exists in setting up of heavy industries in Public and Private Sectors in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of heavy industries in northern region of Bihar;

(c) whether Government propose to set up heavy industries in Public Sector in the industrially backward divisions; and

(d) if so, the type of industries which Government propose to set up in the northern Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) and (b). Government maintain only district/statewise data in regard to issue of all Letters of Intent and Industrial Licences.

73 LIs and 64 ILs were issued in respect of industries in Bihar during 1982-1984. District-wise break-up of these is indicated in the statement below :

(c) and (d). There is no such proposal at present in respect of heavy engineering and capital goods industries sector.