

earlier discovered crude oil bearing structures at Kaikalur and Bantumili in Krishna-Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh. They have further discovered oil and gas in Lingala-1 well in November 1989. This well, on initial production testing, produced oil at the rate of 559 barrels/day and 12,719 cubic metre/day of gas through 1/4" choke. The well has been put on Early Production System since December 1989. The current levels of oil and gas production in K.G. basin are about 64 tonnes and about 1 lakh cubic metres per day respectively.

(c) The basin is still under active exploration and as such the total quantity of oil/gas that would be available would depend upon further exploration and delineation of the basin and consequent establishment of oil and gas reserves.

Increase of Transport Subsidy

2176. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the rate of Transport subsidy in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The North Eastern Region States have already been allowed the highest rate of transport subsidy.

[*Translation*]

Computerisation of Reservations at Kanpur

2177. SHRI KESHARI LAL: Will THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to computerize the reservation office at Kanpur railway station; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to computerise the reservation system at Kanpur at present. However, a few computerised terminals linked to Delhi System have been set up for trial purposes.

[*English*]

Demand and production on Coal

2178. SHRI YASHWANTRAOPATIL: SHRI K. PRADHANI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand of coal in 1990-91;

(b) the target set for production during 1990-91; and

(c) how the gap, between the demand and production is proposed to be met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The Planning Commission have estimated the country's demand of coal in 1990-91 in the range of 229.8-234.50 million tonnes.

(b) The coal production target set for 1990-91 is 221.00 million tonnes.

(c) The gap between the demand and production is proposed to be met by draw down from pithead stocks and by import of coking coal.