

members of the consortium which has signed a production sharing contract for the development of the Ravva field are command Petroleum (India) Pte Ltd Australia and Ravva oil (Singapore) Pte Ltd Singapore, Niko Resources Canada in joint venture with Gujarat State Petrochemicals Corporation, Ahmedabad, has signed contracts with the Government for development of five small sized fields in Gujarat

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise

#### Foreign Infiltrators

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of foreign infiltrators intercepted on

Indo Bangladesh border during the period for 1993-94 with break-up, sector-wise

(b) the number of infiltrators who were pushed back into Bangladesh

(c) the number of infiltrators who were formally handed over to Bangladesh authorities, and

(d) the number of infiltrators who were handed over to the local police for prosecution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P M SAYEED) (a) to (d) The relevant information is given in the enclosed statement

#### STATEMENT

Year	State	Total intercepted	Pushed back	Handed over to Bangladesh Rifles	Handed over to Police
1993	W/Bengal	29940	21418	5759	2763
	Assam	1281	1087	37	157
	Meghalaya	395	45	2	348
	Mizoram	8	0	0	8
	Tripura	773	187	1	585
	Total	32397	22737	5799	3861
1994 (up to Oct)	W/Bengal	19755	15527	1173	3055
	Assam	807	732	32	103
	Meghalaya	349	59	67	223
	Mizoram	3	0	0	3
	Tripura	1169	761	15	393
	Total	22143	17079	1287	3777

[English]

#### Soil Erosion

2355 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any study to determine the extent and effects of land erosion in catchment areas,

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to check the soil erosion in catchment areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P K THUNGON). (a) and (b) The extent of land erosion in the catchment area of the country is estimated through a

priority de-lineation survey by All India Soil and Land Use Organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture. The total area surveyed upto 1993-94 covering 44 catchments of the country is 97.1 million hectares. Out of this, 25.9 million hectares has been identified as critical area having very high and high erosion.

(c) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of (a) Soil Conservation in the catchment of River Valley Projects and (b) Integrated Watershed Management in the Flood Prone Rivers are being implemented in 37 catchments of the country spread over in 18 States. Under these schemes, critically eroded water-sheds identified by all India Soil and Land Use organisation are treated with appropriate soil and water conservation measures. Till 1993-94 under the schemes, an area about 35.5 lakh hectares has been treated with an expenditure of about Rs 662 crore. The guidelines for treatment of lands likely to be affected due to construction of River Valley Projects circulated by