

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) On persistent demand of the Kerala Government for electrification, cost-cum-feasibility survey for electrification of Olavakkot-Trivandrum section has been carried out. The survey report is pending finalisation for want of firm commitment from Government of Kerala regarding availability of power at a rate cheaper than normal industrial tariff indicated by them.

Oil Exploration in Goa

3609. SHRI AMRUT KASAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Oceanography with the co-operation of Ministry of Petroleum found the possibility of oil exploration in the Sea near Miram, Tanaji Goa; and

(b) if so, when will the work begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Workmen engaged for parcel handling at Moghalsarai

3610. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of workmen engaged by the Society during the period June, 1976 to June, 1977 for

performing Parcel handling work at Moghalsarai and at what rates these workmen are being paid by the so-called Society;

(b) the actual number of workmen for which the Society had taken licence under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970;

(c) whether payment to workmen employed by the Society are not made in presence of the authorised representative nominated by the Principal Employer under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the Society for their deliberate failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Fifty workmen. They are paid Rs. 4.00 per man per day.

(b) Fifty.

(c) Payment to the labourers is made in the presence of an authorised railway representative.

(d) Does not arise.

Transportation of Iron Ore

3611. SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether for transportation of iron ore up to Atharbanki/Paradeep any assurance had been given by the D.S., S.E. Railway Khurda to MMTC, Cuttack Division to provide three rakes daily in the year 1975?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): No assurance was given but in a meeting held on 16-11-74 at Cuttack, the Railway stated that they would be in a position to step up loading to 5 rakes a day when loading and unloading facilities become available for dealing with this traffic.