

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN) (a) A few suggestions for discontinuing the practice of allotting the seats in second class 2-tier sleeper coaches released by the passengers holding reservation for sleeper berths during night hours (21 00 hours to 6 00 hours) have been received by the Railway Administration.

(b) As per extant rules, passengers holding reservation for a sleeper berth in second class 2-tier sleeper coaches, are provided with sleeping accommodation on upper berth from 21 hours to 6 hours and sitting accommodation during the rest of the period. In the context of limited reserved accommodation available particularly in important Mail/Express trains and the heavy demands for such accommodation the system of utilising the released seats during night hours, ensures maximum utilisation of available accommodation and affords the facility of travel in reserved accommodation to a larger number of passengers.

(c) and (d) There is no inconvenience to passengers with the present arrangement as these coaches are manned by a Travelling Ticket Examiner. It has, however, been decided not to manufacture such coaches in future.

Drilling in Baramura structure of Tripura

2190 SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the drilling in Baramura Structure of Tripura by O.N.G.C. has been abandoned or delayed;

(b) if not, the detailed reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the work done up-to-date in this structure; and

(d) the action taken for work to be completed during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (b) Although there have been numerous complications in drilling of the wells on the Baramura Structure of Tripura due to difficult sub-surface conditions, abnormally high pressures and frequent gas cuttings, further drilling has not been abandoned by ONGC on this structure.

(c) Geological mapping of the Baramura structure was started by the ONGC in 1962 and completed by 1968. Based on the geological work the ONGC has so far completed drilling of 4 wells on this structure. The first well was completed as a gas well in 1900 metre sands. In order to establish the commercial potential of the gas show obtained in this well, three more wells have been completed and are presently under production testing.

(d) The drilling work by the ONGC in Tripura is of continuing nature. Apart from carrying out the production testing of the three wells already completed on the Baramura structure, drilling of another deep well on this structure is also proposed to be taken up during 1978-79.

Proposal to set up an Unit of IDPL in Eastern India

2191 SHRI SHAKTI KUMAR SARKAR Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited had proposed to set up a unit in Eastern India for the manufacture of bulk drugs and formulations;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of the action taken up to date regarding this proposal; and

(d) reasons of delay for taking decision regarding this proposal?