

On-shore and off-shore oil drilling at various places

1130. **SHRI SHANKER RAO SAVANT**: Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS** be pleased to state:

(a) at which on-shore, off-shore and inland places drilling for oil is going on at present; and

(b) what are the achievements of the drilling so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) The ONGC are drilling at present at 16 places on-land—12 in Gujarat, namely, Ankleshwar, Ahmedabad, Kalol, Galodhra, Petroj Nawagam, Dholka, North Surkhej, Khambel, Wara, North Kadi and Sobasan; 3 places in Assam namely, Lakwa, Galeki and Aungui, Balamuka in Tripura; Karaikal in Pondicherry; and Shumarwali Tallai in Rajasthan. The ONGC is also drilling at one location on the Bombay High structure.

Oil India Limited are continuing exploration for oil in Naharkatya, Hugrijan, Dum Duma areas and at Khaisrang in the Ningru area.

(b) The ONGC have so far completed the drilling of 1117 wells on land and in the off-shore areas, as a result of which the Commission have been able to discover on land over 108.66 million tonnes of initially recoverable reserves and a little over 25,000 cubic metres of natural gas. The Commission have produced 33.45 million tonnes of crude oil since inception up to September, 1974.

Oil India Limited have so far drilled about 322 wells. Oil has produced

31.3 million tonnes of crude oil up to September, 1974 since inception. The estimated reserves of crude oil of OIL as 1.1.74, is 37.49 million tonnes.

Central Assistance for Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Kerala

1131. **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN**: Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS** be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought financial assistance from the Centre for the expansion programme of the State-owned Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited; and

(b) if so, the particulars of the project and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH)

(a) and (b). No request from the Government of Kerala for financial assistance for the expansion programme of the State-owned Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited has been received in the Ministry. The information is however being collected from other Ministries and it will be laid on the Table of the House.

Insanitary condition in Kishanganj Railway Colony, Delhi

1132. **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN**: Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the miserable sanitary conditions in Railway Colony at Kishanganj; and