

(iv) Work towards first stage production from Bombay High.

The Commission plans to produce 5.36 million tonnes of crude oil during 1975-76 against the estimated figure of 4.51 million tonnes for 1974-75.

#### Supply of crude by U.A.E. to India

5395. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:  
SHRI D. D. DESAI:  
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM  
KAKODKAR:  
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:  
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL  
BHATIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state whether U.A.E. had agreed to supply crude to India on soft terms?

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

#### Revision of prices of petroleum Products

5396. SHRI SHRIKISHAN MODI:  
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM  
KAKODKAR:  
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL  
BHATIA:  
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has carried out any exercises recently to revise the prices of petroleum products,

(b) if so, particulars thereof; and

(c) whether his Ministry is also contemplating of making certain changes in its oil import policy on the basis of the exercises carried out?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):  
(a) to (c). An Oil Prices Committee was set up by Govt. in March 1974 to

go, *inter alia*, into the pricing of petroleum products. The Committee has submitted an interim report on 3rd February, 1975. The interim report is under consideration of Govt.

#### Persons arrested for having committed theft in Sealdah Division during the last three years

5397. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the persons arrested by the Railway police on charges of theft in Sealdah Division during the last three years;

(b) the amount of Railway property lost during the last three years; and

(c) the action taken in this regard in this Division?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-937/75]

(b) Value of property (booked consignments) lost during 1972, 1973, and 1974 was Rs. 17,00,534/-, Rs. 16,91,506/- and Rs. 34,86,066/- respectively.

(c) The following preventive measures have been taken to curb incidents of thefts in Sealdash Division:—

(1) All Goods trains carrying valuable commodities in Block loads like iron, cement, sugar, foodgrains, tea etc. are escorted by armed Railway Protection Force.

(2) Supervision by RPF officers has been tightened up.

(3) Close liaison is maintained by divisional RPF officers with Railway C.I.D. Cell of West Bengal Police for rounding up railway criminals.

(4) Armed pickets are posted at plague spots besides introducing track patrolling.

- (5) Plain clothed B.P.F./C.I.D. staff are detailed at vulnerable sectors to shadow gang members responsible.
- (6) C.R.P. men are escorting important passenger trains to prevent crimes in trains.

**Condition of Coaches on Sealdah Bangaon Line**

5398. SHRI M. S. PURTY;  
SHRI S. N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the coaches in Sealdah Bangaon line are without any light and fans; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been made in this regard and if so, the findings thereof?

THE DY. MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No However there is a deficiency of about 85 per cent of fans Constant watch is kept on these deficiencies and gradual replacements are undertaken. Frequent thefts and miscreant activities also contribute to these deficiencies.

**Trains cancelled as a result of Mass-Movement in Bihar during the last Ten months**

5399. SHRI M. S. PURTY;  
SHRI N. E. HORO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some trains were cancelled as a result of mass-movement in Bihar during the last ten months;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the additional amount that Government had to spend for the protection of trains during this period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, a total of 242 pairs of passenger trains and 979 goods trains were cancelled as a result of agitations in Bihar, area during May, 1974 to February, 1976.

(b) Yes, Rs. 57.80 lakhs approximately.

(c) Nil.

**Accidents in Sealdah Division during 1972 and 1973**

5400. SHRI M. S. PURTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the accidents in Sealdah Division during 1972 and 1973; and

(b) action taken in each case, year-wise and the result achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) During the calendar year 1972, there were 14 train accidents i.e. 2 collisions, 10 derailments and 2 cases of fires on Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway There were only 9 trains derailments during the calendar year 1973.

(3) Thorough enquiries were held into all these accidents and appropriate remedial measures were taken to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. In addition, checks and drives were conducted for inculcating safety consciousness amongst the railway staff. Consequently, the number of train accidents came down to 9 in 1973 against 14 during 1972. The improvement was sustained during 1974 also.

**Senior Personnel of O. & N.G.C. in Gujarat**

5401. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior people of different categories working in Oil