

(b) whether all the State Governments have agreed to share 50 per cent of the cost of construction of such new rail links?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Final Location Survey for the following sections has been completed and the reports have been finalised:

1. Banspani-Joruri Length 9.123 km.
2. Jakhapura-Daitari ,, 33.049 ,,

Final location survey for the remaining portion is nearing completion. Final location survey is the first essential requirement before taking up the construction of a new line and it has been carried out for this line as expeditiously as for any other project.

(b) The nature of participation of the State Governments in the construction of new lines varies for different projects.

#### Strengthening of Faizabad-Allahabad Railway line

61. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to strengthen the railway line between Faizabad and Allahabad; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the proposal stands at present and when the work on this line is likely to start?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

मिहिपुरवा स्टेशन की सीमा में एक सड़क की स्थिति

62. श्री बी० धार० शुक्ल: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के मिहिपुरवा रेलवे स्टेशन की सीमा में एक सड़क है जिसकी

मरम्मत और रख रखाव का उत्तरदायित्व रेलवे विभाग का है;

(ख) क्या इस सड़क की मरम्मत अथवा निर्माण पर गत तीन वर्षों में कोई धनराशि खर्च की गई थी और यदि हां, तो कितनी; और

(ग) क्या इस सड़क की स्थिति बहुत खराब है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी नहीं। तथापि, 1972-73 में इस सड़क की मरम्मत पर 40,800 रु० खर्च किये गये थे।

(ग) जी नहीं।

#### Cushions in 1st class compartments of trains between Lucknow and Nepal-ganj Road Station and between Gonda and Bahraich

63. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether old, obsolete and un-serviceable cushions are fitted in the first class compartments which are attached to through coaches on North Eastern Railway between Lucknow and Nepal ganj Road Railway stations and also in similar coaches between Gonda and Bahraich stations; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to replace such cushions by standard cushions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) High incidence of thefts and vandalism had been causing tearing off rexine of cushions in the First class coaches. Due to non-availability of

rexine etc., for sometimes, other cushions fitted with Jute covers were provided temporarily but have now been replaced with proper covers.

**Drilling operations by O.&N.G.C. in Assam and other places**

64. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether crude oil has been struck recently near Sarupathar in Sibsagar district of Assam as a result of drilling operation by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) at how many places the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has carried the drilling operations during the last three years and with what result—state-wise break-up of drilling operations and total expenditure incurred in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) No, Sir. The ONGC is presently doing seismic survey work in Neojan Sarupathar area. No drilling there has as yet been done.

(b) The requisite information for the years 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75 is given below:

(In lakhs of Rupees)

State	No. of places on which drilling continued commenced	No. of wells completed	Expenditure incurred
<b>ONLAND</b>			
Gujarat . . . . .	44	161	4224.51
Assam . . . . .	10	55	2857.38
Tripura . . . . .	1	1	313.09
West Bengal . . . . .	..	..	33.42
Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry . . . . .	4	3	340.80
Rajasthan . . . . .	1	..	229.79
Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	1	1	174.56
<b>OFFSHORE</b>			
Bombay High area . . . . .	2	4	1482.84
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	<b>63</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>9556.39</b>

As a result of drilling/production testing operations, oil/gas was discovered at Linch, Asjol, Sannau Khurd and Siswa in Gujarat, Charali in Assam, Baramura in Tripura and Bombay High (main) in the offshore.

**Production of crude oil**

65. SHRI SAROJ MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the increase in crude oil production in India during the year 1975;