

very of flourine in phosphatic fertilizer plants and production of items like soda ash and argon associated with fertilizer plants.

Offshore Drilling off-Orissa Coast

89. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-shore drilling off-Orissa coast has yielded an oil find; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM (SHRI K. D. MALAVIYA): (a) and (b). A well is being drilled in the Bay of Bengal, South of the coast of West Bengal and East of the coast of Orissa. Results will be known after the well is completed and tested.

Production of Railway Wagons in Railway Workshop at Amritsar

90. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Railway wagons have been produced in the Railway Workshop at Amritsar during 1974-75; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to modernise the Railway workshop?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) 725.5 wagons in terms of four-wheelers were produced during 1974-75 in Railway Workshop at Amritsar.

(b) No.

Reduction in the Prices of indigenous Phosphatic Fertilizers

91. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any reduction in the prices of fertilizers; and

(b) whether producers of indigenous phosphatic fertilizers have also reduced their prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The prices of urea and calcium ammonium nitrate which are controlled under the Fertilizer Control Order were reduced with effect from 18th July 1975 as under:—

Figures in Rupees.

| | Original Retail Price | Reduced Retail price w.e.f. 18-7-1975 per tonne |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Urea | 2000 | 1850 |
| Calcium Amm. Nitrate | 1095 | 1015 |

In addition, the prices of some of the complex fertilizers marketed through the Central Pool were revised as shown in Statement I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-9983/76]. With effect from 1st December, 1975, the prices of some of the complex fertilizers marketed through the Central Pool were further reduced as shown in Statement II, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-9983/76].

(b) Keeping in view the reductions made in the complex fertilizers marketed through the Central Pool with effect from 18th July, 1975, the indigenous manufacturers of phosphatic fertilizer effected suitable reductions in the prices of their products. Following the reduction in the import duty on phosphoric acid from 30 per cent to 15 per cent with effect from 1-12-1975, MFL, Zuari Agrochemicals and IFFCO, whose facilities are bas-

ed on imported phosphoric acid, further reduced the prices of their products. The reduction in prices made by the indigenous manufacturers in July, 1975 and again in December 1975 are shown in Statement III laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-9983/76].

Alleged Criminal Conspiracy to defraud Indian Machinery Co. Ltd.

92. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three officials of the Government managed Indian Machinery Company Limited, Howrah in West Bengal entered into a criminal conspiracy to defraud the company of certain raw materials;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into that matter; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to introduce Fast Train Between Mangalore and Quilon

93. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce a fast train from Mangalore to Quilon?

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

Survey for Ernakulam-Alleppey Railway Line

94. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the survey for the feasibility of a railway line connecting Alleppey and Ernakulam in Kerala; and

(b) whether this proposal is unnecessarily being delayed and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) Overall physical progress on this survey so far is 40 per cent.

(b) The survey is in progress according to schedule and is expected to be completed by May, this year.

Completion of Kuttipuram—Guruvayoor Railway Line in Kerala

95. SHRI C. H. MOHAMED KOYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the surveys for the Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor-Trichur Railway line (in Kerala) has been completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Preliminary Engineering and traffic surveys for the proposed rail link from Kuttipuram to Trichur via Guruvayoor are in progress and are likely to be completed shortly.

Production and Use of Wagons During 1973-74 and 1974-75

96. SHRI P. GANGADEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway wagons produced in the years 1973-74 and 1974-75; and

(b) what numbers were brought to use in the above years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The number of