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Bungling on Crude Front

2031. DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND
VERMA:
SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:
SHRI L.K. ADVANI:
SHRI HARISH PAL:

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

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bungling on the crude front" appearing in the Times of India dated 19 November, 1990;

(b) the production target fixed for the current year by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission whether it is not likely to be achieved;

(c) the reasons therefor and the production loss in crude as a result thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production target fixed for the year for ONGC is 33 million tonnes. Likely achievement is expected to be below this target.

(c) The shortfall in production is likely to be to the extent of 2.174 million tonnes the reasons for the shortfall are:

(i) Bandhs and agitations in

Assam and Nagaland;

(ii) Reduced offtake of crude by Koyali refinery due to LSHS disposal problems;

(iii) Three day strike by officers in the oil Sector;

(iv) Shutting off of certain wells in Gujarat & Bombay offshore due to occurrence of High Gas Oil Ratios;

(v) Occurrence of floods and water logging in Gujarat;

(vi) Delay in development of the Ravva offshore field.

(d) The LSHS disposal problem at Koyali Refinery has been resolved. The Ravva offshore oilfield is being developed expeditiously. A Task Force has also been constituted in ONGC to make an indepth well wise analysis and a crash programme to optimise production from producing fields.

Shortage of Wagons at Udaipur Station

2032. SHRIGULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Udaipur is the largest producer of soapstone, marble, rock-phosphate and zinc in the country which are transported in rakes to other places;

(b) if so, whether adequate number of wagons are made available at Udaipur railway station;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide wagons there as per demand?