

meeting of Members from Delhi would soon be called to discuss the law and order situation of Delhi. No one remembers it. Through you, I urge that a meeting should be called to discuss and review the law and order situation in Delhi at the earliest in view of the concern expressed by House in this regard.

SHRI AYUB KHAN (Jhunjhunu): Sir, Shri Abdul Hamid laid down his life for the country in the 1965 war and won Param Vir Chakra posthumously. I too participated in that war, but the difference is this that I was awarded Vir Chakra whereas Abdul Hamid won Param Vir Chakra. There are our many friends who won Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Vir Chakra but their widows and family members were not given any assistance by the Government. They are hapless. I am grateful for the ruling given by you as it will boost the morale of the soldiers who are prepared to lay down their lives for the cause of the country and for the unity and integrity of the nation.

MR. SPEAKER: I have been told by some State Government that the recipients of Param Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra are given assistance by State Government as well as by Central Government. Whatever you have said is correct and the matter will be taken up with State Government and Central Government.

[English]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY (Katwa): Sir, in the past, this matter had been raised in this House with the expectation that the Minister concerned will take note of it and initiate action. This is about two very big unexploited oil reserves in our country.

One is in Central Gujarat and the name of the area is Khatna-Kalamas area, where the assessment is that about 865 million metric tonnes of crude oil is there. It has been proved by a scientist who was working with ONGC, Shri K C Roy Choudhury who has retired now. It is due to his persistence that ONGC authorities granted digging of oil

in that area. In one well, oil was found which was described by ONGC as a major breakthrough. But, after that it has been neglected till date.

The other area is the area of Bay of Bengal - the Bengal Delta. On the basis of the scientific findings it has been found that about 28.5 billion metric tonnes are in reserve there in the Eocene Carbonate Rock Reservoir in the Bengal Basin which is 60 million years old. Despite his insistence, no digging had been conducted in that area so far. He has been writing and it is a case of unique fight. We had raised this matter in the House. We had been spending millions of rupees in foreign exchange to import oil.

MR. SPEAKER: There is a whole battery of scientists on the one side and there is one scientist giving his opinion on the other side.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: Sir, this is one idea. There may be another idea also. ONGC is not taking note of this and they are thinking that it is not true. But, how to come to that conclusion? He has been writing to the Minister; we have been raising it in the House. We requested the Government to talk to the scientist. There are other scientists also who are ratifying this idea.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: There was an All India Symposium of this.

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: a renowned scientist supported this idea. The Secretary in the Department of Petroleum promised to give him time to discuss the matter with him. But so far this promised meeting did not take place.

If you go into the history a little bit, you will find that this man - when he raised this matter - was harassed and transferred. I do not know what is the mystery. We should go into it. Some vested interest is working in it. There are interested Members in this House and three or four or five Members can be constituted into a Committee to look into this matter. If this is true, then we will be converted