

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से; और

(ग) यह वृद्धि अधिकतम कितनी प्राय वाले लोगों के लिए की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री जगन्नाथ पहाड़िया) : (क) और (ग). 400 रुपये मासिक तक वेतन पाने वाले केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों के दैनिक भत्ते की दरों में लगभग 25 प्रतिशत तक की वृद्धि करने के एक प्रस्ताव पर संयुक्त सलाहकार तंत्र की राष्ट्रीय परिषद् की एक समिति विचार कर रही है।

(ख) संशोधित दरों के अन्तिम रूप से मान लिए जाने पर सदैव की भांति वे भ्राम्ये की तारीख से लागू होंगी।

EXPLORATION OF OIL IN THE COUNTRY

*832. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any new exploration of oil in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated untapped oil in the country and the steps taken by Government so far to get it exploited; and

(c) how far that exploration is with indigenous know-how and how far with foreign know-how?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA) :

(a) During 1967 seismic surveys have been carried out in Gujarat, Kutch, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Cauvery Basin and Madras State by departmental Seismic parties of ONGC and in Rajasthan State by the C.G.G. on Contract.

Drilling operations were carried out by ONGC in Olpad, Broach, Dhadhar and Jambusar structures of Ankleshwar, Kalol, Mehsana, Ahmedabad, Kadi, Sanand and Bakrol Structures of

Ahmedabad, Nawagam, Dholka, Kathana structures of Cambay-Nawagam, Rudrasagar and Lakwa structures of Sibsagar, and Jwalamukhi, Karaikal, Thiruthrapundi, Nagapattinam and Bodra structures.

Oil has been discovered in Mehsana and Ahmedabad structure in Ahmedabad and gas has been discovered in Manhera Tibba structure of Rajasthan during 1967.

Oil India Limited is carrying out exploration programme in Upper Assam and Ningru.

(b) It is not possible to estimate the untapped oil underlying various sedimentary basins in the country until drilling and testing has been carried out in all the regions. The Oil bearing structures so far located are being exploited so as to increase indigenous production to the maximum extent.

(c) Although some foreign specialists are being employed by the ONGC Commission and Oil India Limited, the operations are being carried out in the main by Indians.

DIVERSION OF GODAVARI WATER TO KRISHNA

*833. SHRI M. N. NAGHNOOR: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No. 29 on the 13th July, 1967 and state :

(a) whether the investigations on the diversion of Godavari waters to Krishna have since been completed and the quantum and levels of such diversions known; and

(b) if not, the present stage of investigation on diversion of the Godavari water?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The field investigations originally contemplated have been completed. Studies are in progress with regard to the design of various structures and preparation of a feasibility Report.