

New Delhi, with the objective of discussing the status of the capital goods industry with special reference to its overall capabilities and technology, the policy framework required for its development, and the issues of concern to the major user sectors *vis-a-vis* the capital goods sector.

*Petroleum Products*  
**Drilling for Hydrocarbons in West Bengal** 261.652

4431. **SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas identified by the ONGC for exploration of hydrocarbons in West Bengal and Bengal basin, separately;

(b) the steps taken by Government so far and the results achieved therefrom;

(c) whether our technology for deep drilling beyond 6000 metres is sufficiently advance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The areas identified by Oil and Natural Gas Commission for exploration of hydrocarbons in Bengal Basin which includes West Bengal are:

- (i) Northern part of West Bengal,
- (ii) Near Karimpur, Ichapur, and Badculla in Nadia district,
- (iii) Area East of Ranaghat,
- (iv) In Midnapur district of West Bengal,
- (v) Maldah-Balurghat-Raigunj, Islampur, Karandighi and Deoga.

(b) Geological, Aeromagnetic, Seismic, Gravity-Magnetic and surface

geochemical surveys have been conducted, covering almost the entire area of Bengal Basin including both onshore (West Bengal) and offshore (Bay of Bengal).

Drilling in different areas of both onshore and offshore part of Bengal basin have been carried out. So far 32 wells in onshore (including 10 by Indo-Stanvac Petroleum Project (ISPP)) and 7 wells in offshore (including 2 by Carlsberg Natomas) have been drilled.

Under the Intensive Integrated Exploration Project (IIEP), with Soviet Cooperation, Seismic surveys are being conducted in a sizeable part of the Bengal Basin. Further exploratory drilling is likely based on these surveys.

So far no commercial hydrocarbon deposits have been found. However, the exploratory activities are still in progress in the area.

(c) Yes, Sir. ONGC has drilled wells of more than 6000 metres depth.

(d) Does not arise.

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**Cases of Electrocution in Delhi**

4432. **SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died of electrocution in Delhi during the last 12 months and the reasons thereof; and

(b) the details of steps taken to check the live exposed wires on the electric poles and to improve the poor state of maintenance of electric poles and street lighting?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.