

Drilling at Aliabet Island

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- *1131. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Sudhansu Das:
Shri Maheswar Naik:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-shore drilling has started in the Island of Aliabet in the gulf of Cambay;

(b) whether this is being done by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(c) whether there is any collaboration with technicians of West Asian countries?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):

(a) No, Sir. The proposed well is to be drilled on land.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri Subodh Hansda: Since it was found from a preliminary survey that there are prospects of oil being found in the Aliabet Island, may I know why it has not been decided by the Government to drill in that area?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I am afraid the hon. Member did not listen to what I said. I have said that there will be a well drilled on land.

Off-Shore Drilling

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- *1132. { Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:
Shri Murli Manohar:

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start off-shore drilling at Port Canning near Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the phased programme therefor?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri N. R. Laskar: The then Minister in-charge of Oil told us in April, 1963 that they will start from the point where the Stanvac personnel left, and so, may I know whether any progress has been made up till now there?

Shri Humayun Kabir: The position is that the re-study of the material which had been collected by the Stanvac project indicated to the ONGC that there are some potentialities in Port Canning area, and therefore, it has been decided to make preparatory arrangements to drill a well in a place which is about six miles north-west of Port Canning.

Shri N. R. Laskar: When do they propose to dig the well? May I know the target date?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It is difficult to give the target date. The arrangements we have made is to place a rig in position perhaps before the monsoon. During the monsoon it will not be possible to drill a well in this area. So, the well is likely to be drilled after the monsoons are over.

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस काम के लिए विदेश से कोई सहायता ली गई है ; अगर हाँ, तो कितनी ?

श्री हुमायून कबिर : ओ० एन० जी० सी० को ड्रिलिंग का काफी तजुर्बा हो गया है । जहाँ दरकार होता है, वहाँ हम बाहर से सहायता लेते हैं । यहाँ पर कुछ काम करने के बाद मालूम होगा कि किसी सहायता की दरकार है या नहीं ।

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know, apart from the off-shore drilling in this particular place, whether any attempt is being made by the

ONGC to start drilling operations along the Coramandel coast in the Madras State?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This question is about Port Canning, and I have said that there will be no off-shore drilling; there will be on-shore drilling.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार बता सकती है कि कितने दिनों के एक्सप्लोरेशन के बाद यह डिक्लेयर किया जाता है कि यहाँ पर पेट्रोल मिलने का कोई इमकान नहीं है ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: It all depends upon the geological structure. Sometimes we can say that there is no oil there even without any drilling, but a positive statement whether there is oil or not is much more difficult, and it depends on the circumstances.

Shri Hem Barua: May I draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that Stanvac, in co-operation with the Government, conducted a search for oil in this area and ultimately came to the conclusion that there is no possibility of finding any oil in this area and, if so, how is it that Stanvac, as the hon. Minister has just now stated, has recommended that there is a possibility of finding oil here now.

Shri Humayun Kabir: My hon. friend has only half-listened to what I said. I told the House that on a re-study of the material given by Stanvac, the ONGC came to the conclusion that there is possibility of oil.

Shri Hem Barua: I think I have been misunderstood. Stanvac said positively after search in this area, during Shri Malaviya's regime, that there is no possibility of oil in this area. How can Stanvac supply materials, to the new Minister, on which he could conduct new search? That is what I am interested in.

Shri Humayun Kabir: Again I am afraid I have to explain it. We studied all the material which was

there. If my hon. friend thinks that whatever Stanvac has said is gospel truth, he is welcome to hold that view. But the data given by Stanvac has been interpreted in a different way by other experts.

Conduct of All India Service Personnel

*1135. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cases of misbehaviour with people and their representatives by All India Service personnel have come to the notice of Government during the last one year;

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken against such officers; and

(c) whether any instructions on the subject have been issued?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): (a) to (c). Complete information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Quite a number of cases of misbehaviour by senior officers have been reported and hundreds of cases go unreported and uncomplained. May I know what is the personal information of the Minister in this respect and what positive steps have so far been taken by the Ministry to bring about a re-orientation in the attitude of the officials to the democratic forces and to the citizens' representatives?

Shri L. N. Mishra: We have written to all the State Governments this month and we have received information from some State Governments like Punjab, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Information from other States has not yet been received.

So far as the steps taken by the Government are concerned, a special circular was issued to all the State Governments to give due courtesy and respect to the public workers, especially Members of Parliament