

**Natural Gas Found in Port Canning Area**

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 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri Indrajit Gupta:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:  
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 Shri A. N. Vidyalkankar:  
 Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:  
 Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that natural gas has been struck in Port Canning area in West Bengal;

(b) if so, at what depth;

(c) whether it indicates any oil reserve in that area; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). Gas was struck by the Indo-Stanvac Petroleum Project at about 13,000 f. depth in a well drilled near Port Canning.

(c) and (d). This calls for further investigation which is being undertaken.

**Biggest Oilfield Found in Gujarat**

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 Shri P. R. Chakravortti:  
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 Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavalaya:  
 Shri Bade:  
 Shri Brij Raj Singh:  
 Shri D. D. Puri:  
 Shri Mohammad Elias:  
 Shri Jashvant Mehta:  
 Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:  
 Shri Ravindra Varma:  
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- { Shri Kindar Lal:  
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
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 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shri D. J. Naik:  
 Shri Narendra Singh Mahida  
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 Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:  
 Shri Chhotubhai Patel:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the biggest oil-bearing structure has been found in Gujarat;

(b) if so, its details and potentiality; and

(c) when the drilling in the area is likely to be started?

The Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) to (c). indications of large structures have been found in the Gulf of Cambay but whether these are oil bearing will be known only after detailed seismic survey and exploratory drilling. It is proposed that subject to results of further seismic surveys, such drilling will start in January, 1966.

**Central Police Forces**

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 Shrimati Renuka Ray:  
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 Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:  
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Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to set up two Central Police Forces specially for industries and for ports and docks;