

(b) if so, the estimated crude oil that came out following the digging,

(c) the outcome of the sample of the oil sent for testing

(d) whether the commercial viability of this oil gas has been explored,

(e) if so the details thereof and

(f) the steps taken to expedite the oil extraction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA) (a) to (f) During testing of Well Golf Green I near Borai, crudes of oil and gas were found. The sample analysis indicates the A.P.I. gravity of oil as 44.55 degrees. Commercial viability can be established only after detailed testing and further appraisal programme subject to techno-economic analysis/evaluation.

Jharkhand Issue

*811 MAJ GEN (RETD) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the details of financial losses incurred as a result of the recent economic blockade launched by some Jharkhand activists,

(b) whether any central team has visited the State to study the repercussion of such agitation,

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) whether the Union Government have held any meetings to discuss the issue during the last one year,

(e) if so the details and the outcome thereof and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS B CHAVAN) (a) Financial losses due to the recent economic blockade in the Jharkhand area have not been computed

(b) No sir

(c) Does not arise

(d) to (f) Wide ranging discussions have been held with various Jharkhand groups, political parties and the concerned State Governments. No definitive conclusions have emerged from these discussions so far. The Government of India is assiduously working towards evolving a consensus on the issue.

[Translation]

Gas from Bombay Off—Shore

*812 SHRI KASHIRAM RANA will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the quantum of gas extracted from Bombay off—shore area during the last two years,

(b) the quantum of gas supplied during the last two years, State—wise,

(c) whether the States have been supplied lesser quantum of gas than the supply made during the previous year, and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) (a) Approximately 14400 MMSCM in 1991—92 and