

### Drilling Programme of ONGC

\*370. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY :

SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation propose to launch a major oil hunt during the current year;

(b) If so, whether ONGC has decided to drill four deep water exploratory wells of the Bombay High as a part of the 6000 crores exploration programme; and

(c) If so, the main points of the programme launched by ONGC.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. During the current year, ONGC plan to acquire equivalent of 93019 Standard Line Kilometers of Seismic Data and to drill 238 exploratory wells.

(b) and (c) ONGC has identified four locations in technologically amenable deep water areas of less than 1000 meters water depth for exploratory drilling during the current plan period. These locations/prospects are spread over the deep water areas of Kutch, Kerala-Konkan, Cauvery and K.G. Basins.

### Special Employment Programmes

\*371. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV :

SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide jobs to 10,000 persons in each district under the Special Employment Programmes in the country;

(b) if so, the districts identified in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the earthquake affected and flood affected districts have been covered under these programmes;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to create upto 10,000 job opportunities per district in 70 districts under the Special Employment Programme of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

(b) The list of identified districts is given in the statement attached.

(c) and (d) This programme is envisaged not as a flood or earthquake relief measure but to provide employment opportunities in selected backward districts of the country. The main criteria for selection of districts are : (i) existence of suitable implementing agency having good track record and experience in implementing the programme, (ii) scope for expansion and demand feasibility for the products under the industries, (iii) acceptability of the level of income that would be ensured by KVI activities and (iv) possibility of response from the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and the banks and the need for taking up KVI industries in the district.

(e) The KVIC is implementing the Special Employment Programme in these districts with the help of State Governments and societies registered with the Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVBs) and non-government organisations (NGOs), etc. The beneficiaries and implementing cooperative societies/NGOs would be identified and selected by the project monitoring committee at the district level. Preference would be given to IRDP beneficiaries. The programme envisages an outlay of Rs. 1,000 crore out of which one-third would be budgetary support, and this would be implemented in a period of three years.

### STATEMENT

*List of 70 Selected Districts for coverage under the special employment programme for Khadi & Village Industries*

#### I. ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Kurnool
2. Adilabad
3. Mehboob Nagar
4. Prakasan
5. Karimnagar
6. East Godavari
7. Srikakulam

#### II. ARUNACHAL PRADESH

8. Changlang

#### III. ASSAM

9. Marigaon
10. Lakhimpur

#### IV. BIHAR

11. Saharsa
12. Godda
13. Madhubani
14. Gaya