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[English]

## Oil Exploration Activities in Vietnam by ONGC

### 2413. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: SHRI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has been undertaking oil exploration activities in Vietnam since 1988;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by ONGC in this regard so far, year-wise;

(c) the total earnings of ONGC from its operations in Vietnam so far, year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have allowed the ONGC to have foreign partner for the oil exploration activities in Vietnam; and

(a) if so, the details of the terms and conditions of the partnership?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yee, Sir.

(b) So far ONGC Videsh Limited has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 4112 lakhs as detailed below:-

(Rs. in lakhs) 1988-89 ... 119.11 1989-90 ... 841.43 1990-91 ... 2651.56 1991-92 ... 500.00 (upto Oct 91) 4112.10 (c) Nil.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) ONGC is holding negotiations with prospective partners in this regard.

#### Sliding Down of Dhanbad

2414. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Wili the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhanbad Town is in a danger of sliding down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Dhanbad District Authorities have been informed of this danger; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

#### [Translation]

## Reservation in Allotment of LPG Agency in Delhi

2415. SHRI CHHEDI PASWSN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATU-RAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allotment of petrol/diesei retail outlets and LPG agency has been made in accordance with the provision of reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Delhi;

(b) if , not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made so far in filling up the reservation quota of the Scheduled Castes