

Oil in Cauvery Basin

4419. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether oil has been struck in the Cauvery Basin;

(b) if so, the quality of petrol and other products likely to be got;

(c) whether the work has been started; and

(d) if so, when the production is likely to be started and what is the quantity of oil reserves lying in that area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMADUTT) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. It is considered to be of good quality.

(c) Exploration work in Cauvery basin is continuing.

(d) At present oil production is being obtained only from Narimanam-I well through extended production testing.

Geological Reserves in the basin are estimated at 6.32 million tonnes of oil as on 1.1.1986.

Shortage of petrol and diesel in Madhya Pradesh

4420. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received reports regarding the shortage of petrol and diesel being experienced in various parts of the country, particularly Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government have made arrangements to ensure regular supply of diesel and petrol ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMADUTT) :

(a) and (b). No reports about any general shortage of diesel and petrol in the country including Madhya Pradesh have been received. Shortage of diesel in some parts of Rajasthan has been reported and immediate remedial measures have been taken to meet the situation.

No allocations of petrol and diesel are made to State/UTs. These products are available on free sale basis and the oil companies have standing instructions to meet their demand in full, as far as possible.

Supply of essential commodities in Bastar, M. P.

4421. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of non-availability of essential commodities through public distribution system to the tribals of Bastar in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to make available the essential commodities to the tribals of Bastar district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) :

(a) and (b). An Inter-Ministerial Team visited Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh recently to see the functioning of the scheme of supply of specially subsidised foodgrains to the people living in the ITDP areas. The recommendations and findings of the Team have been sent to the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh for improving the functioning of the Public Distribution System in the ITDP areas of the State.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Calcutta

4422. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the long waiting list for telephone connections under Calcutta Telephones will be cleared; and