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Oil India Ltd. have discovered gas at the Tanot area in Rajasthan. Present estimates indicate in place reserves of the order of 2 billion cubic metres.

All these structures are under delineation.

Refinery Unit in Kaveri River basin

62. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMI-CALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Refinery Ltd. proposes to set up a refinery unit in the Kaveri river basin for processing the crude oil available from the wells there;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up gas bottling plant unit near the Kaveri basin; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURU-PADASWAMY): (a) to (c). Madras Refineries Ltd. (MRL) have submitted a Detailed Feasibility Report for setting up facilities for the distillation of 500,000 tonnes per annum of crude oil and separation of 16500 tonnes per annum of LPG from associated gas in the Cauvery basin. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 104.4 crores.

At present there is no proposal to set up a bottling plant near the Kaveri basin; the LPG available from the above separation unit is proposed for bottling in the existing nearby Bottling Plants such as Tuticorin.

Reservation Quota at Nagpur Railway Station

63. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: (a) whether there is persistent demand for an increase in the reservation quota of different trains connecting Nagpur Railway Station;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accede to the demand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Some requests have been received.

(b) and (c). The reservation quotas at various stations are reviewed periodically based on the availability of reserved accommodation on trains and the demand pattern. Due to limited availability of accommodation and heavy pressure on quotas at other stations, at present there is no proposal to enhance the quotas at Nagpur.

Shuttle Trains between Nagpur and Badnera

64. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations to introduce a shuttle train between Nagpur and Badnera; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently not found feasible due to resource constraints.

International Status to Nagpur Airport

65. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: