

GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any programme of oil exploration at Madras touching Kanyakumari belt;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government would undertake such an oil exploration programme in the belt from Madras to Kanyakumari?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1.1.94, a total of 88 prospects have been probed by drilling for oil exploration in the onland area, between Madras and Kanyakumari out of which 15 prospects (12 oil and 3 gas) are proved to be hydrocarbon bearing. In addition to this, 27 prospects have also been probed in Cauvery offshore area, of which 3 prospects (2 oil and 1 gas) are proved to be hydrocarbon bearing>

The established geological reserves(oil+OEG) for onlan and offshore are 44.50 MMT and 34.83 MMt, and the recoverable reserves are 8.31 and 12.20 MMt respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Delhi Police

6324. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA:
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has spent any amount on publicity to improve its image;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on this account during the last three years;

(c) whether any positive result has been achieved as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of the expenditure incurred by Delhi Police on publicity during the last three years i.e., 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1991-92	Rs. 73,11,323/-
1992-93	Rs. 54,66,210/-
1993-94	Rs. 53,53,301/-

(c) and (d). The Delhi Police has reported that publicity has helped it inculcating sense of road safety in general public. Publicity has also helped Delhi Police in educating people about precautionary measures to be taken against various types of crimes.

Shortage Of LPG

6325. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: whether the government are aware of the acute shortage of LPG in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to overcome it and to ensure timely supply of gas cylinders to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE