

Oil find in Cauvery Basin*[Translation]*

64. SHRI M. SELVARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has found more oil in the Cauvery basin in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps are being taken for its proper reprocessing?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). ONGC had earlier discovered hydrocarbon bearing prospects, at Karaikal, Kovilkalappal Narimanam and Nannilam in Thanjavur District of Cauvery basin. They have further discovered oil and gas in Addiyakkamangalam-1 well in 1989. This well has already been put on Early Production System since the 15th September, 1989. Oil produced is being transported to Madras Refinery for refining.

Tenders for HBJ Pipeline

65. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies which had submitted tenders for laying the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) gas pipeline;

(b) the basis on which such tenders were approved;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Tenders for the composite contract for laying the HBJ Pipeline alongwith the erection of the compressor stations, the cathodic protection system and the tele-communication and tele-supervisory system had been floated in 1985. Originally five bids had been received for this work. Details are given below:

<i>Leader</i>	<i>Other Members</i>
A. M/s. Condux, Mexico	a) Hyundai, Korea b) Essar, India
B. M/s. Nova Corp., Canada	a) Majestic Contractors, Canada b) Enterpose Intl., France
C. M/s. Snam Progetti, Italy	a) Saipem, Italy b) Dodsai, India
D. M/s. Spie Capag, France	a) NKK, Japan b) Toyo Engg. Corp., Japan
E. M/s. TCIL, India	a) ECIL, India b) ITI, India