

9. Hazaribagh
10. Jowai
11. Kothagudem
12. Kangayam
13. Kumbakonam
14. Lingampalli
15. Mahabalipuram
16. Pathankot
17. Rameswaram
18. Ratnagiri
19. Tanuku
20. Thiruvannamalai

**Proposal to help LPG Cylinder  
Manufacturing Units**

347. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA  
RAO :

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

(a) whether most of the nearly 66 LPG cylinder manufacturing units in the country are in dumps and many of the LPG units are languishing with little possibility of diversification and are facing a bleak future;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help this industry by purchasing the LPG cylinders from the Indian manufacturing units so as to save them; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Since the installed capacity for cylinder manufacturing in the country is in excess of the requirements of the Oil Industry, the manufacturing units are not able to utilise their full capacity. The cylinder manufacturers have been apprised of the situation and some of them are already taking steps to diversify their items of production.

(b) and (c). Orders have been placed by the oil industry on indigenous manufacturers

in respect of the cylinders required in 1985-86.

**Oil Struck in New Bombay High  
Offshore Structure**

348. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI MANIK REDDY :  
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :

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

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in "The Times of India" of 14 September, 1985 regarding oil struck in the well drilled on the new Bombay High offshore structure in the Arabian Sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of oil that is likely to be got from this well; and

(d) the time by which it will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A well drilled on D-18 structure in the Arabian Sea 170 Km. West of Bombay produced oil and gas. The well was spudded on 14th May, 1985 and drilled to a depth of 4106 metres by 16-8-1986.

It produced 3398 barrels of oil and 20082 cubic metres of gas per day during testing. Based on the result from this well and the data already available, it is proposed to delineate the find further.

[Translation]

**Closure of Public Sector Industries  
Running in Loss**

349. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to close down the public sector industries running in loss; and

(b) if so, the names of such industries and the extent of loss being suffered by each of them ?