

(c) and (d). The Union Government has not been able to agree to the proposal for the take-over of the Nahan Foundry, which is a State Government undertaking.

Expenditure to be Incurred on Exploration of oil in Godavari-Krishna Basin

1345. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount proposed to be spent by Oil and Natural Gas Commission for oil exploration in the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the total amount proposed to be spent by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in "Godavari-Krishna Basin" during the Seventh Plan; and

(c) when pipeline will be laid for commercial use ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total approved outlay for Seventh Plan for ONGC is Rs. 8752.67 crores.

(b) The tentative allocation is about Rs. 387 crores.

(c) Since commercial viability of gas production is still to be established in the Krishna-Godavari basin, the ONGC do not propose to lay any major pipeline for transportation of gas.

Recession in Refrigerator Industry

1346. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the refrigerator industry is facing recession on account of more than 50 per cent of the produced goods lying unsold with them;

(b) the approximate number of refrigerators in all the companies awaiting disposal in the market; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for ascertaining the reasons for this glut in the

market and remedial measures taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of Gas at Concessional Rate for Ramgarh Thermal Plant, Rajasthan

1347. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has struck gas in Ghotaru and Manira Tiba area in Rajasthan during its drilling operations;

(b) if so, in what quantity;

(c) the Megawatt capacity of the thermal power plant that can be set up with the above gas;

(d) whether sanction for setting up this gas-based thermal plant at Ramgarh in Jaisalmer District has already been accorded;

(e) whether work on this mini thermal plant is held up for not getting gas at concessional rate;

(f) if so, whether gas will be supplied to Ramgarh Thermal Plant at concessional rate; and

(g) if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) to (c). Oil and Natural Gas Commission has discovered gas in Ghotaru and Manhara Tibba in Rajasthan during its drilling operations. The total gas reserves in Rajasthan state have provisionally been assessed at about 540 Million Cubic Metres. More wells, however, have to be drilled to assess the full potential and to establish commercial viability and to determine production plans, for various uses of this gas.