

Exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons

2716. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any short term and long term strategy has been drawn up for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in the country;

(b) if so, the areas identified for the availability of hydrocarbons;

(c) the quantum of hydrocarbon deposits expected in these areas; and

(d) the various kinds of oil and gas deposits found in Krishna-Godavari basin and other parts in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following sedimentary basins are considered prospective for hydrocarbons : Cambay, Upper Assam, Assam-Arakan Fold belt, Bombay Offshore, Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery, Andamans, Rajasthan, Himalayan foot-hills and Ganga Valley, Bengal, Kutch Saurashtra, Kerala-Lakshadweep and Mahanadi.

(c) The total prognosticated resources of hydrocarbons in the country are estimated at about 17 billion tonnes.

(d) Oil deposits in India are generally light, sometimes waxy and heavy.

Except in South Bassein, gas is found to be generally sweet.

Price hike by Lohia Machines

2717. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Lohia Machines have failed to achieve and maintain their projected production schedule in respect of the fuel efficient two-wheeler scooters (XE-100) and have disproportionately increased the projected price of their scooters; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that those multitudes who got themselves registered for purchase of these scooters do not disproportionate price hike ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) The company has been able to maintain their annual production targets. The production during January-June, 1986 was higher than the planned target.

(b) Does not arise.

Digging of oil wells in H.P.

2718. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the places in Himachal Pradesh where work of digging of oil wells has been undertaken during the year 1985-86 of find oil;

(b) the names of the places where the oil has struck; and

(c) the names of the countries conducting surveys and digging oil wells of find oil deposits in that area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) :

(a) No drilling was undertaken in Himachal Pradesh during 1985-86.

(b) So far no oil has been discovered in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) The well at Cheri is being drilled with the help of Soviet experts.