

Exploring for New Oil Reserves

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state the measures taken by Government to explore and work on the new oil reserves in the country during the last 3 years and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): 1. During the last three years Geological and Geophysical Surveys were conducted by ONGC in various parts of the country. In off-shore ONGC's Survey ship, "Anwe-shak" carried out seismic and gravity surveys in several off-shore regions. In addition exploratory drilling was also undertaken in several locations on shore and off-shore. Oil India drilled two deep exploratory wells in Arunachal Pradesh and Kumchai.

2. Oil was discovered in West Sobhasan and West Morwan Onshore structures in Gujarat. Gas was discovered in Walner and Gajera onshore structures in Gujarat. Oil and gas were discovered in Pansar structure in Gujarat. Encouraging indications were observed in respect to the extension of the Viraj field and presence of oil in North Wamej and Poliyad structure in Gujarat. Oil was also discovered in Barailat well at Galeki in Assam. In addition, indications of gas were noticed in Narasapur well in Andhra Pradesh. In West Bengal, Diamond Harbour well was drilled down to depth of 5500 metres by ONGC's own crew using departmental equipments.

3. Oil was discovered in the offshore structures R-9, R-12, B-37 and B-38 in addition to gas discovered in mid Tapi structure. Gas was discovered in B-55 structure also. Presence of oil

and gas was also indicated in Godavari off-shore. Gas was encountered in the first well offshore Andamans.

4. Oil India is presently engaged in developing the shallow and relatively small Kharsang find in Arunachal Pradesh. In Mahanadi Basin Offshore, it has drilled two wells i.e. Mahanadi 1 and Mahanadi 2.

5. All these efforts are directed to find additional sources of hydrocarbons in the country.

Number of Refugees who came to India since Independence and number of those who have got jobs

2999. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees who have come to India since Independence of the country;

(b) the number of refugees who have got jobs since Independence of the country and the number of refugees who have not got jobs so far and whether all the refugees will get jobs during the Sixth Plan period; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) A total number of about 1,00,24,000 refugees have come to India since Independence.

(b) and (c). The refugees were settled under various schemes including exchange of properties, agriculture, small trade employment. Many of them also got employment through the Central Transfer Bureau and the Employment Exchanges, for which some overriding priority and age concessions had been given. No such statistics on employment as asked for, have, however, been maintained, since the refugees