

- (a) The village (or an integrated cluster of villages within a radius of 1.5 Kms.) should have a population of 1,000 or more.
- (b) There should not be another post office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed post office; and
- (c) The proposed post office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 10 per cent of its estimated cost.

3. Notwithstanding the above, the Postmasters General are hereby empowered to relax (in consultation with the Internal Financial Adviser) any of the above cited norms in 10 per cent of the cases of opening of post offices every year.

4. The minimum guaranteed revenue/income will continue to be calculated according to the existing formula.

5. These new norms are operative from the date of issue.

उत्तर प्रदेश में उर्वरक संयंत्रों के लिए स्थानों का चयन

404. श्री जंनल बशर : क्या पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चयन समिति ने उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थापित किए जाने वाले चार उर्वरक संयंत्रों के लिए स्थानों का चयन कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो चुने गए स्थान कौन-कौन से हैं; और

(ग) इन संयंत्रों के कब तक स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम, रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Discovery of Oil in Cauvery Basin

405. SHRI K. A. RAJAN:

SHRI T. DAMODAR REDDY:

SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has found oil in the first well drilled in the Palk Straits inoff-shore Cauvery basin in South India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures are being taken for its commercial exploitation; and

(d) whether the drilling activities in these areas have been accelerated following this successful find, if so, the details?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P.C. SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Oil was found in the first well drilled on PH 9 structure in Palk choke with a gas-oil ratio of 68. Straits.

(b) Oil flowed from a depth interval of 2301—2312 M. The zone produced 1488 BOPD through 1/2" choke with a gas-oil ratio of 66. The areal extent of the structure is about 35 sq. kms.

(c) Currently, a second well has been taken up for drilling. A few more wells will be drilled to delineate the field and to assess its potential.

(d) Yes, Sir. In addition to PH-9 structure, ONGC plans to explore for hydrocarbons in the nearby prospects/structures and also in other parts of Cauvery basin.