

### Discovery of Oil in Krishna-Godavari Basins

137. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :  
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Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil in the off-shore wells and the presence of High-pressure gas in an on-shore well in the Krishna-Godavari basin has been discovered ;

(b) if so, steps being taken to explore it and drilling in the east coast ;

(c) whether any other part of the country has been surveyed to find out oil and gas during the years 1982 and 1983 ; and

(d) if so, the results achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) Exploration in the Krishna-Godavari Basin has resulted in discovery of oil in two offshore wells and high pressure gas in an onshore well in Razole.

(b) Following these discoveries, the structural and stratigraphic data is being examined and additional wells are being drilled by ONGC to undertake delineation of these pools. Besides the Krishna-Godavari Basin, exploration in the East Coast is being carried out by the ONGC in the Cauvery Basin and the Bengal Basin and by Oil India Limited in the Mahanadi Basin.

(c) ONGC and Oil India have carried out extensive survey work in Bombay Offshore areas, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himalayan Foothills, Ganga Basin, Assam, Tripura, Andaman Offshore and Mahanadi Basin.

(d) As a result of these surveys new prospects have been mapped and will be taken up for drilling as per the exploration programme of ONGC and OIL.

### Supply of Natural Gas from Soviet Central Asia

138. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the visit of the Minister of Commerce to the Soviet Union in the second week of September, 1983, the Chairman of the Soviet State Planning Committee, mooted the proposal/idea of supplying India natural gas from Soviet Central Asia, by laying pipelines through intermediate countries to make India an energy surplus country ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) During the visit of Minister of Commerce to the Soviet Union in the second week of September, 1983 the Chairman of the Soviet State Planning Committee stated that at present USSR was exporting natural gas to Western Europe and there were possibilities of diverting gas produced in USSR from the Central Asian Region to India. In this connection he mentioned that USSR could even consider constructing a gas pipeline from the Soviet Union to India if requirements of natural gas are identified on the Indian side.

(b) Further details will have to be worked out after due examination of the suggestion.

### Decisions taken at World Energy Conference held in New Delhi in September, 1983

139. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Energy Conference held in New Delhi in September this year had stressed that Governments should consider oil substitution as a major policy objective and enforce strict monitoring of the progress made in that direction ;