

Regarding comprehensive risk assessment for ONGC operations in Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh

SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA (AMALAPURAM): Thank you, Chairman Sir.

The people living near oil and gas drilling sites in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari District face the risk of being exposed to oil or natural gas leakages from the plants located in the vicinity, especially in the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, which has been witness to such incidents in the past.

According to reports, GAIL operates pipelines extending to a length of 430 kms, ONGC operates 120 kms of pipelines and Reliance operates a 36 kms pipelines in the Konaseema region. Though the officials of the said companies have been asked to replace old pipelines in the region to ensure the safety of the local communities, prevent mishaps and prevent frequent gas leakage from the existing pipelines, there is an immediate need to establish a Crisis Management Facility in the District considering the operation of numerous oil and natural gas producing companies in the said region to effectively handle emergencies or crises.

I would, therefore, request the Government to take immediate steps to include a comprehensive risk assessment for the oil and natural gas operations in Konaseema District and ensure establishment of a Crisis Management Facility at the earliest. Thank you, Sir.