

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3808
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OIL RESERVES IN CAUVERY BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether any survey has been conducted to find out oil reserves in the Cauvery basin of Erode District of Tamil Nadu; and
(b): if so, the funds earmarked to explore the oil reserves in that area?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

- (a): No, Sir, since the Erode District in the State of Tamil Nadu fall in metamorphic complex area, which is not considered prospective for hydrocarbons.
(b): Does not arise.