

### Drinking Water Facility

3899. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :  
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the percentage of urban population provided drinking water during 1985, 1990 and 1997 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : As per available information, the percentage of urban population provided drinking water is as under :-

Date	Percentage
31.3.85	72.9
31.12.90	84.15
31.3.97	85.00 Anticipated

### Fire in ONGC Oil Well

3900. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :  
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :  
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :  
SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K PATIL :  
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :  
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :  
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :  
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT :  
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :  
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :  
DR. M.P. JAISWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an onland exploratory well of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation in the Krishna-Godavari basin at Mandapeta in Andhra Pradesh caught fire on February 19, 1997 following a massive blow-out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the causes thereof and estimated loss caused by the fire;

(d) whether experts from the United states have been invited to cap the blow-out in the well;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the amount being paid per day to these US experts;

(g) whether the blow-out in the well has since been capped;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the preventive steps the Government have taken/propose to take in case of such eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A blow out occurred at Mandapeta (West)-1 in East Godavari District of Krishna Godavari Project of ONGC on 19.02.1997 at 1300 hours.

(c) While drilling at a depth of 2754.5 mtrs. the well at the Mandapeta West drill site became active and suddenly oil and gas started gushing out from the cellar pit and caught fire. The rig and equipment belonging to M/s Hitech Drilling Co. have been damaged. The losses incurred by ONGC as a result of the blow out are estimated to be around Rs. 7.02 crores.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) 3 experts were mobilised from M/s. Wild Well Control Inc., Texas by ONGC to advise and assist in planning execution of well control related activities.

(f) In amount of US\$ 3500 per day per expert has been paid by ONGC.

(g) and (h) The fire died down on 24.02.1997.

(i) Efforts have been made by ONGC to organise the "Crisis Management Team" with its available infrastructure and man power in all the regions. However, ONGC have initiated a high level enquiry, inter alia, to suggest steps required to be taken to avoid similar incidents in the future.

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### Funds For Drinking Water Scheme

3901. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have so far spent Rs. 34.90 crores under the National Conservation Plan (Godavari) to provide drinking water to Ramaundam, Rajamundry municipalities etc. in Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether HUDCO has also agreed to sanction Rs. 438 crores to provide drinking water in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal to extend loan facility to other (25) new municipal towns also in the State; and

(e) if so, the total amount from HUDCO so far spent for providing the drinking water in the State ?