

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of oil wells in the Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur areas in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the people of these Districts have no been given proper employment opportunities in these oil wells;
- (c) if not, the number of persons of these areas have been given employment in these oil wells during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to ensure that the people of these areas are given employment in these oil wells?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) The number of oil wells in Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur districts is 74 and 110 respectively.
- (b) to (d) There are 37 tenure based field operators who have been recruited from the operational areas of ONGC in Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam Districts. In addition 263 contractual workers have been engaged by the contractor for various job contracts of ONGC, Cauvery Asset in Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur Districts under Drilling and Production operations.