

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

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OIL WELLS 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 of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether people habitating within the local area of oil wells do not have adequate employment opportunities; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the people of these areas are given employment in the local areas of these oil wells?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has 69 oil wells in Nagapattinam area and 104 oil wells in Thiruvarur area of Tamil Nadu.
- (b) & (c) The oil wells of ONGC in the above mentioned area are mostly situated in villages. The villagers of these areas have the same opportunities of employment like other villagers of Tamil Nadu. Besides this, ONGC is giving compensation to the farmers for their land as per guidelines.