

**Discovery of Oil and Gas**

\*10. SHRI D.B. PATIL:  
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where oil and gas has been struck during the last six months; and

(b) the quantity, price and percentage of gas flared during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) During the period January '89 to June '89, oil and gas were discovered in the following prospects:-

<i>Name of prospect</i>	<i>Oil/Gas</i>	<i>Locations</i>
B-46	Gas	Western Offshore
B-121	Gas	Western Offshore
Bantumilli	Oil and Gas	Andhra Pradesh
Banskandi	Gas	Assam
B-19	Oil/Gas	Western Offshore
B-119 (Basement)	Oil and Gas	Western Offshore

(b) During 1988-89, a quantity of about 3880.6 million cubic meters of gas was flared. This comes to about 29.4% of the total production; the notional value of the gas flared, based on the minimum price of Rs. 50/1000 M<sup>3</sup> works out to Rs. 194.05 crores.

**Setting up of Refinery**

\*11. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation to prepare a detailed feasibility report for a new six million tonne grassroot refinery;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the project?

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). Keeping in view the anticipated growth in the demand of petroleum products and the likely need for additional refining capacity, Government have asked HPCL to prepare a feasibility report for the new six million tonne grassroot refinery on the West Coast. It would be premature at this stage to estimate the cost of the project.

**Expansion of Doordarshan Network in Eighth Plan**

\*12. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up schemes for the expansion of Doordarshan network during the Eighth Plan.

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