

Discovery of Oil and Gas in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu

715. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU:
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GAVIT:

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has discovered oil and gas at 'Nannilam' in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu as reported in 'The Hindu' dated 27 March, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tests made in the Cauvery Basin for the discovery of oil and gas by the ONGC in Tamil Nadu;

(d) the estimated quantity of crude oil and gas which is likely to be available in the Cauvery basin; and

(e) the cumulative expenditure on the activities in the Cauvery basin by the ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During initial testing the well flowed oil and gas at the rate of 150 barrels a day and 2922 cubic metres a day respectively with 1/8" choke.

(c) So far 37 wells have been drilled onshore and 25 offshore in Cauvery Basin. Of these, hydrocarbons were found in 10 wells onland and 7 wells offshore.

(d) As on 1.7.87, a total of 9.40 million tonnes of geological reserves (oil and oil equivalent of gas) have been established in Cauvery basin.

(e) ONGC have spent Rs. 155 crores upto March, 1987, on exploration and development drilling.

Manufacture of Passenger Cars

717. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to manufacture passenger cars in collaboration with foreign companies during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALARAO): (a) and (b). A Statement is given below.

(c) The matter is under consideration as part of the new automobile policy being evolved by the Government.

STATEMENT

The details of proposals received for the manufacture of passenger cars with Foreign Collaboration during the last 3 years (1985-87) are as under:—

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of Indian Company</i>	<i>Name of Collaborator</i>	<i>Model</i>
1.	M/s Premier Automobiles Limited, Bombay.	M/s Nissan Motor Co., Japan	Sunny B-II

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2.	M/s Escorts Limited, New Delhi.	M/s Citron Automobiles, France.	Citron 2 CV
3.	M/s Keraia Commercial Vehicles, Trivandrum.	M/s Fiat, Italy	Small Car
4.	M/s TELCO, Bombay	M/s Honda Motor Co. Japan	Accord
5.	M/s Gujarat Ind. Dev. Corporation, Ahmedabad.	M/s Jeanneau SA, France.	Micro Cars
6.	M/s Hindustan Motors Limited, Calcutta.	M/s Isuzu Motor Co., Japan.	Gemini FF
7.	M/s Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, Bombay.	M/s Automobile Peugeot, France.	Peugeot 505-D
8.	Shri P.K. Aggarwal, Bombay.	V/o Autoexport Promash- export, Moscow.	VAZ 2121
9.	Shri T.V. Reddy, Hydrabad.	M/s Fiat, Italy	Premio
10.	M/s Vama Motor Wagons, Hydrabad.	M/s Volvo Car, Holland.	Volvo 300
11.	Mrs. Nirlap Kaur, Chandigarh.	M/s Autoexport, Moscow.	Lada Neva
12.	M/s Asian Vehicles New Delhi.	M/s Autoexport, Moscow.	Niva Samara
13.	M/s Sikkim Lada Limited, Gangtok.	M/s Autoexport, Promash-export Moscow.	Lada- 2121
14.	M/s Bajaj Tempo Limited, Pune.	M/s Daihatsu Motor Co. Japan.	Charade
15.	Shri Raunaq Singh, New Delhi.	M/s BMW, West Germany	—