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18.	SHV Energy India Private Limited.
19.	SHV Energy South East Limited.
20.	SHV Energy North East Limited.
21.	SHV Energy North West India Limited.
22.	SPIC Limited, Chennai.

Joint Exploration of Oil With Shell

958. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLUUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shell, a private international oil company in the country, has discovered, large reserve of high quality crude on the Rajasthan-Gujarat border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to jointly explore the discovery with shell India; if so, whether any agreement has been arrived at in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) A Production Sharing Contract (PSC) has been signed by Central Government with M/s. Shell India Production Development BV, on 15th May, 1995 with respect to Rajasthan Block RJ-ON-90/1. The contractor in this block has discovered oil in Guda Well II in Banner district of Rajasthan. Well flowed high quality crude oil at the rate of about 270 MT per day during initial testing. The extent of hydrocarbon reserves can, however, be known only after further exploration.

The block is in exploration phase and in the event of commercial discovery, Government through its designated nominee, shall have an option to acquire a participating interest upto 30% in the Block, in terms of the PSC.