

(b) if so, the status of such plans;

(c) whether any of these plans have been grounded; and

(d) if so, the locations of places and townships where piped gas is already available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Mahanagar Gas Ltd., a Joint Venture Company of GAIL and British Gas, is applying piped gas in some areas of Mumbai. As a pilot project, GAIL is also supplying piped gas in Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar and Pandara Park areas in Delhi. A Joint Venture Company (JVC) of GAIL and BPCL has been approved by Govt. to extend the piped gas supply to other areas of Delhi.

**Review by Indo-Russian working Group on cooperation for Oil and Gas**

1988. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Russian working group on cooperation for oil and gas reviewed the protocol for strengthening bilateral economic cooperation recently;

(b) if so, the details of agenda discussed, progress reviewed and decision taken thereon; and

(c) the details of the action taken proposed for the current year and physical and financial targets set therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The fifth meeting

of Indo-Russian Working Group on cooperation in oil and gas industry was held on October 22-23, 1998. Various projects of mutual interest involving participation of Indian companies in Russia for exploration and production of oil and gas and cooperation between Indian and Russian companies in third countries in oil and gas industry were discussed. After the meeting the companies of both sides have met and have studied the data.

**Oil hunt in Krishna Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh**

1989. DR Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has launched oil hunt in Krishna Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the locations for drilling of exploration operations proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exploration is a dynamic process and locations are firmed up based on the leads obtained by drilling wells and interpretation of geoscientific data generated therefrom. However, ONGC has planned to drill 90 exploratory wells in on-land part of Krishna Godavari (KG) Basin during IX five plan. As on