

क्र. सं.	जिले का नाम	प्रतीक्ष सुब्बा
41.	धमतरी	2832
42.	बालघाट	6578
43.	मंडला	3520
44.	सेवनी	6122
45.	दोकमगढ़	5634
46.	पश्चिम निमाड़	1276
47.	घार	5208
योग:		717108

Outbreak of Fire at Devarapally Oilfield

1995. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY NIRPUM:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a massive fire broke out in the ONGC's oilfield at Devarapally in East Godavari district on the 19 February, 1997; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what were the reasons therefor and the details of damage and economic loss caused thereby;

(c) whether it is a fact that alarm bells sounded two hours before, but the flames leapt; if so, the reasons for not controlling the fire;

(d) whether Government have set up any committee to investigate the causes of fire;

(e) if so; the suggestion made by the Committee; and

(f) how much time it is likely to take to control the fire and restore the oilwells to normal working position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) Yes, Sir. A blow out occurred at the Mandapeta West-1 drill site located near Devarapalli Village on 19.02.1997 at about 1300 hrs.

(b) While drilling at a depth of 2754.5 mtrs. the well became active and suddenly oil and gas started gushing out from the cellar pit and caught fire. The rig and equipment belonging to M/s. Hitech Drilling Co. have been damaged. The losses incurred by ONGC as a result of the blow out are provisionally estimated to be around Rs. 702 lakhs.

(c) When an influx had taken place in the well bore at a depth of 2754.5 mt., the alarm bell was sounded by the driller on the rig to alert the crew members who took immediate necessary actions. However, the overflowing on the rig to alert the crew members who took immediate necessary actions. However, the overflowing well fluids caught fire.

(d) and (e) ONGC has constituted a Departmental Enquiry Committee to conduct an enquiry into the blow out. Apart from this, ONGC has instituted another independent enquiry to be conducted by Major Gen. S.C.N. Jatar(Retd). These Committee have not yet submitted their reports.

(f) The fire died down on 24.02.1997. As per the expert opinion, the well is not likely to be revived and is to be abandoned.

Strike by ONGC Workers of Krishna Godavari Basin

1996. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC workers of Krishna Godavari basin were on strike in January, 1997;

(b) if so, the demands of the agitating workers; and

(c) the reasons for delay in finding a solution to their demands?