

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) At present SSC has seven regional offices. The regional offices are located at new Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Mumbai, Allahabad, Guwahati, Bangalore. There are two sub-regional offices at Raipur and Chandigarh.

(b) No, Sir.

**Abandoning of Drilled Wells before attaining the required depth**

582. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:  
SHRI GURUDAS DAS  
GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the wells drilled by the Bay Exploration Project of Oil India Ltd. along Mahanadi Basin and the North East Coast were abandoned before attaining the required depth; and

(b) if so, the number of wells drilled in the area since the Bay Exploration Project was set up and the reasons for abandoning them before attaining the required depth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited has drilled 7 wells in Mahanadi Off-shore, 4 wells in Mahanadi On-shore and 4 wells in NEC Off-shore areas i.e. a total of 15 wells. Out of these 3 wells

reached the required depth, 6 wells encountered basement or crystalline rocks, therefore, further drilling had to be terminated. The remaining 6 wells were not drilled upto target depth due to downhole problems.

**Targets and Production of Crude Oil**

583. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed and the actual production of crude oil during each of the last three years in each oil producing State;

(b) whether the production has been decreasing during these years;

(c) if so, the total value and quantity imported during each of the last three years;

(d) the comparative off-shore and on-shore crude oil production at present; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the import and to increase the domestic production of crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a), (b) and (d) The targets and achievements of crude oil production during the last three years State-wise and the comparative figures of off-shore and on-shore production are given in the statement enclosed (*See below*).

(c) The total value and quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years was as under:—