

ब्रिटिश काल में ही बन्द कर दिया गया था। चूंकि इस क्षेत्र में पानी की निकासी की कोई उचित व्यवस्था नहीं है इसलिए बरसात के मौसम में इस गेटवे में पानी इकट्ठा हो गया था। परिणामस्वरूप, चिनी हुई दीवार का 1.00 मी०x1.00 मी०x0.40 मी माप का एक छोटा सा किला पानी के लगते रहने के कारण गिर गया। इस स्मारक की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए दीवार के इस खाली स्थान को तुरंत ही भर दिया गया था।

**Awarding Contract for Oil Well Platform on Nomination Basis by ONGC**

1602. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

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

(a) whether ONGC propose to award contract for HX-HY well platforms on nomination basis to MDL, Bombay;

(b) whether Government decided in November, 1990 that Indian Yards should compete in ICB tenders;

(c) reasons for not inviting ICBs even though feasibility report was submitted in November, 1994;

(d) whether flexible pipes are preferred for this project instead of rigid pipes and whether international bids were invited by MDL;

(e) whether Government are aware that flexible pipes were rejected by other international explorers; and

(f) whether MDL estimates for flexible pipes and rigid pipes are of the same diameter and total length?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian PSUs MDL, HSL and BSCL have been requesting ONGC to award the well platforms on nomination basis since their yards were lying idle. In a meeting held in the Ministry of Petroleum in November, 1990, it was decided in principle that Indian yards should compete in ICB tenders. It was felt,

however, that for some more time Indian yards would require to be considered for award of work on nomination basis. Based on the past performance of the PSUs and time availability the proposal for award of HX-HY Well platforms to MDL on nomination basis is under consideration of ONGC Board. However, no decision on the award of contract has been taken.

(d) ONGC has asked for quotations from MDL for both options viz., Flexible and Rigid Pipelines. In respect of Rigid pipes, MDL have obtained competitive bids. In respect of flexible pipes MDL have entered into pre-bid agreement with M4. COFLEXIP STENA OFFSHORE, Australia who are world leaders in the manufacture of 12" pipes as required in the specification of the bid package. However, ONGC Board is yet to take a decision on this issue.

(e) No, Sir, ONGC is not aware of such rejections;

(f) MDL's estimates for flexible pipes are based on the pipes of the same diameter as that of rigid pipes. As far as length is concerned, the length for flexible and rigid pipes vary because of the method of laying.

**Areas without Gas agencies in U.P.**

1603. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in UP which are at present deficient in gas agencies; and

(b) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Due to product constraint, there are many areas in the country including those in U.P. which do not have domestic LPG facility. Based on economic viability, 72 locations have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1992-94 and 156 in the LPG Marketing