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54	Uttar Pradesh	Noida
55		Greater Noida
56		Kanpur
57		Bareilly
58		Agra
59		Lucknow
60		Moradabad
61	West Bengal	Barkar
62		Asansol
63		Neamatpur
64		Durgapur
65		Hirapur
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Oil exploration by Cairn India Ltd.

‡4272. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Cairn India Limited has been entrusted with oil exploration works in Barmer region of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Cairn India Limited has found out more oil reserves than estimated earlier in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether it is also a fact that its partner company the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has opposed the company's announcement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, the exploration block RJ-ON-90/1, falling in the districts of Barmer & Jalore in Rajasthan was awarded under the Pre-NELP round. The present Consortium is Cairn Energy – 70%, Operator and ONGC –

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30%, with ONGC as Licensee of the block. So far, 15 hydrocarbon discoveries have been made consisting of 12 oil and 3 gas discoveries in this Block.

Commercial production of crude oil has commenced *w.e.f.* 29.08.2009 from the Mangala field in the block RJ-ON-90/1. Currently, the rate of oil production is varying between 5,000 and 30,000 barrels/day depending on the off take by the nominated refineries. Further, non-associated gas production has also commenced *w.e.f.* February, 2010 from Raageshwari Deep Gas with a current gas production rate of about 0.15 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD).

(c) and (d) The crude oil reserves in RJ-ON-90/1 block (Cairn-ONGC) as per approved Field Development Plan are as under.

In-Place Reserves	:	1570 MBBL
Recoverable Reserves	:	369 MMBBL

M/s Cairn Energy India recently issued a press release dated 23.03.2010 announcing the revision in estimates of hydrocarbon reserves in Rajasthan field. As per this announcement, the estimate of the resource base in Rajasthan provides a basis to produce 240,000 bopd from the block, subject to regulatory approvals and additional investments. The revision in estimates and production requires approval by Management Committee as per Production Sharing Contract.

Subsidy on LPG cylinder

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to help the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) overcome losses, Government has to pay Rs. 260/- per gas cylinder as subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that factory gate price of LPG is fixed on the basis of its import price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the average, annual percentage of gas volume that is imported for consumption in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Under the Subsidy Scheme called "PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG Subsidy Scheme 2002", Government has provided subsidy of Rs. 22.58 per 14.2 kg Domestic LPG

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