

श्री प्रदीप जैन : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से यह बताना चाहता हूँ कि इस कानून के अंदर पारदर्शिता बनी रहे, इसके लिए जब इस कानून का प्रोविजन हुआ था उस समय ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय ने इस एक्ट के सेक्शन 19 में यह प्रावधान किया था कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट इसकी पूरी मॉनिटरिंग करेगी तथा इससे संबंधित जितनी भी शिकायतें आएंगी, उनका निपटारा करेगी। लेकिन, क्योंकि यह एक flexible programme है और इसके अंतर्गत आवश्यकता थी कि गरीब व्यक्ति के परिवार तक रोजगार पहुंचे, तो ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय ने बहुत सारे प्रावधान किये हैं। हम लोगों ने MIS develop किया है जिसमें एक-एक कार्य transparent हो जाता है तथा transparency बनी रहती है। MIS के माध्यम से कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी भी राज्य के किसी भी जिले की स्थिति को देख सकता है। हम लोगों ने Ombudsman के लिए भी हर राज्य को निर्देशित किया है कि हर डिस्ट्रिक्ट लेवल पर Ombudsman हो तथा वहां जो शिकायतें आएँ उनका निपटारा हो। इसके अलावा हमने देश के अंदर हर क्षेत्र के सौ से अधिक सर्वश्रेष्ठतम लोगों को, eminent persons को भी आमंत्रित किया है कि वे इस योजना की मॉनिटरिंग में अपना सहयोग प्रदान करें। इसके अलावा नेशनल लेवल मॉनिटर भी हर स्टेट में जाते हैं।

जहां तक सम्मानित सदस्य ने कार्य की गुणवत्ता के बारे में पूछा है और कार्यों की पेडेसी के बारे में पूछा है, तो क्योंकि इसका क्रियान्वयन राज्य सरकार को करना है और राज्य के अन्दर उस जिले के DPC (District Project Coordinator) को करना है, तो यह उसकी जिम्मेदारी है।

Oil Reserves in the Country

*546. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the World's oil reserves are depleting fast and global crude oil production is likely to reach its peak in 2014 and thereafter it is likely to start declining;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to formulate any long term strategy to maintain oil reserves in the country keeping in view the crude oil production scenario; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROELUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Some researchers subscribing to the "Peak Oil Theory" have predicted from time to time that the world's oil production has peaked and it is likely to decline in the future.

However, the International Energy Agency in its latest annual publication, World Energy Outlook 2009 has projected world oil production to increase from 83.1 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD) in 2008 to 86.6 MBPD in 2014-15 and further to 103 MBPD in 2030.

(c) and (d) The Government has formulated the following strategy to maintain/enhance oil reserves in the country, so that our dependence on world's oil reserves could be reduced in future:

- (i) Carving out more and more areas of exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) / Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy.
- (ii) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery from existing fields and use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.
- (iii) Acquisition of exploration acreages and oil producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.
- (iv) Construction of a Strategic Storage of crude oil of 5 MMT capacity at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur for meeting unforeseen situations arising out of short term supply disruptions etc.

SHRI N.K. SINGH: Sir, my first supplementary to the hon. Minister is: considering the scramble for foreclosing of depleting oil equities and considering that so far, our acquisition, both by public and private entities, has been, rather, limited, what special measures and incentives does the Government have in mind to ensure that we get a fair share of global oil equity to buttress our reserves for a long-term strategic plan?

SHRI JITIN PRASADA: Sir, as far as the hon. Member's query is concerned, or, as far as the peak oil theory which he is referring to is concerned, it is still not certain. There are studies which have been done; some studies have said that there will be a peak of oil reserves within. In Kuwait, some study has been done that by 2014, the peak reserves of oil will be found out and from thereon, it will decline. But there are other agencies which have suggested that oil reserves of this world will carry on; there will be more reserves. As far as India is concerned, we are very much aware of all the situations around the world, and domestically and around the world, we are very aggressive with regard to oil exploration and acquiring of assets. In India, we had two discoveries with oil and gas. In Barmer, there is Cairn Energy, which has found oil, which is to the tune of 25 percent of India's oil

production and in KG Basin where gas has been found, there are also double the figures compared to last year. With regard to overseas, our position, as the Member enquired, is, we had significant acquisitions with regard to Imperial Energy in Russia.

In the other one that is lately acquired in Venezuela, we have a stake of 18 percent which is 17,000 barrels per day. That is what we are looking at.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Prize amount of PEAIS

*547. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) what is the prize amount given to States under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS); and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase this prize amount?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) The prize amount given to the States under Panchayat Empowerment & Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS), year-wise is given below:-

Year	No. of States/ UTs given prize	Amount of Prize (Rs. in crore)
2009-10	06	10.00
2008-09	10	10.00
2007-08	13	10.00
2006-07	10	10.00
2005-06	08	5.00

(b) It has not been possible to increase the prize amount due to constraint of funds.

Fall in H1N1 cases

*548. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to his Ministry, H1N1 cases have dropped;

(b) whether his Ministry's statistics have lately shown a marked fall in the number of swine flu deaths and infections in the country;