

#### Oil Exploration in Jammu and Kashmir

2527. SHRI G.N. RATANPURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the findings of surveys for explorations of oil and natural gas in Jammu and Kashmir (J and K);
- (b) the details of any oil and natural gas reserves found in J and K; and
- (c) the future programme of survey and exploration of oil and natural gas in J and K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime no exploration block has been awarded in the state of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). However, ONGC has been carrying out geological and geophysical surveys in phases in the state of J&K since 1957. As on 01.04.2010 ONGC has acquired a total of 2563 GLK of 2D seismic data and has drilled 4 exploratory wells in the State.

So far no commercial hydrocarbon discoveries have been made in the state of J & K.

- (c) Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has plan to conduct surface geo-chemical survey in Spiti-Zaskar Basin falling in the State of J&K.

#### Oil exploration in the country

2528. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is not self reliant in petrol and diesel;
- (b) whether Government is exploring possibilities of oil sources like Bombay High across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?