

Petroleum survey in Rajasthan

‡3845. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct a survey for determining the availability of petroleum resources in the parts of Rajasthan after setting up a refinery at Barmer, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, so far 19 exploration blocks have been awarded in Rajasthan, out of which 6 blocks have been relinquished. So far, 18,769 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2D and 14,894 Sq. Km (SKM) of 3D seismic data has been acquired and 214 exploratory wells have been drilled in the awarded blocks. As a result of exploration, a total of 30 hydrocarbon discoveries (22 oil and 8 gas) have been made till date. Recoverable reserves of about 458 Million Barrel of oil have been established in RJ-ON-90/1 block in Barmer and Jalor districts of Rajasthan. The current average oil production from this block is about 1,70,000 bbl/day.

The operators under the PSC regime will carry out various geo-scientific surveys in the awarded blocks, in line with the committed exploration work programmes.

Inadequate gas for power generating plants

3846. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of gas-based generating stations in the country;

(b) the quantum of indigenous natural gas available for power generation; and

(c) how much gas-based generating capacity is lying idle in the country on account of inadequate availability of gas on long term basis?

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