

(d) and (e) At present, LPG connections are available on demand in all the existing markets throughout the country including the State of Orissa.

Abandoned wells in Gujarat

587. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wells and fields which are abandoned by ONGC in Gujarat;

(b) whether there is any demand from any Government/private company for taking over of such fields; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to bridge the gap between the present demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Although, 941 wells were abandoned by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) in the State of Gujarat, no hydrocarbon bearing field has been so abandoned;

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above;

(c) In order to increase the domestic hydrocarbon production to bridge the gap between the present demand and supply, the following steps have been taken/are being taken by the Government and National Oil Companies (NOCs):—

- (i) Increased exploration by the NOCs and/or private companies including implementation of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).
- (ii) Acquisition of overseas acreages for equity oil by the NOCs.
- (iii) Exploration in deep water and other frontier areas.
- (iv) Better reservoir management of existing fields.
- (v) Work-over and application of artificial lift.
- (vi) Application of EOR/Improved Recovery methods.
- (vii) Exploration of Coal Bed Methane & Gas hydrates as alternate sources of hydrocarbon energy.