

not available. Food Corporation of India is not incurring any additional cost on the transportation.

[English]

**Expenditure on Exploration in Krishna-Godavari Basin**

430. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the amount spent by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission on off-shore and on-shore exploration in Krishna-Godavari Basin upto end of March, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): Amount spent by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in onshore and offshore in Krishna-Godavari Basin upto March 1987 is as under:

	(Rs. Crores)
Onshore	167.13
Offshore	354.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>521.91</b>

**Drilling in Cauvery Basin**

431. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for finding oil and natural gas in Cauvery basin at Kovilappa area in Tenjore District of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of rigs working there; and

(c) the approximate quantity of oil and natural gas likely to be found in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) Hydrocarbons have already been discovered in two wells Kovilkallpal-I&IV-further exploration in the area is continuing.

(b) At present no rig is working, but one is proposed to be deployed shortly.

(c) Potential of oil and gas will be known only after further delineation of the prospect.

**Raising of Resources by Public Sector Units**

432. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government decided last year to allow some public sector units to raise resources directly from the market;

(b) if so, the names of those public sector units; and

(c) the result of the decision taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following public enterprises were allowed to raise resources directly from the market during 1986-87:—

- (1) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.
- (2) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.
- (3) Indian Petrochemicals Corpr Ltd.
- (4) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
- (5) National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.
- (6) Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.