

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

[Translation]

Oil and Gas Exploration In Rajasthan

*415. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the agencies engaged in exploration of new sources of oil and natural gas in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the places where the exploration work is going on;

(c) the amount incurred thereon during the said period; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL).

(b) At present work is going on in several locations including Dangiwala, Ghotaru and Manhera Tibba structures by ONGC and in Bikaner-Nagaur Basin by Oil India Limited.

(c) During the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91) ONGC has spent Rs. 50.30 crores and OIL has spent Rs. 49.80 crores on exploratory drilling and surveys in Rajasthan.

(d) ONGC has discovered gas in Rajasthan at 5 places viz. Bhakri Tibba, Bankia, Ghotaru, Khartar and Manhera Tibba. OIL has discovered gas at Tanot, Ramgarh, Dandewala and Jalalwala in Jaisalmer basin and heavy oil at Baghwala in Bikaner-Nagaur basin.

Horticultural development in Karnataka

*416. SHRI KODAKANI GOWDANA SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted to the Union Government a horticultural development project with EEC assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has sought for delinking of its project from rest of the States; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a): No formal proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

Blackmarketing of Fertilizers

417. SHRI SHASHI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some dealers are blackmarketing fertilizers especially after the introduction of dual pricing policy;

(b) if so, the number of persons apprehended so far, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check blackmarketing of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b): The