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Title: Need to resume oil exploration drill at Kochi coast.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMATHITTA): I request the Government to resume oil exploration drill at Kochi Coast, which has been temporarily suspended for the last two years. It is learnt that the chemical study of geological samples obtained from the exploratory wells at Kochi Coast confirmed the presence of hydro-carbon, carbohydrate and other chemicals. It shows that the Kochi Coast is endowed with an abundance of oil and natural gas. Oil and natural gas reserve at Kochi Coast can be effectively used for power generation and domestic purpose of the country. It is estimated that the cost of gas per unit from the Kochi Coast for power generation will be Rs. 2. At the same time, imported gas costs Rs. 17 per unit. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly resume oil exploration works at Kochi Coast.