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Title: Need to establish a new ONGC Basin in Karimganj district in Assam.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ) : It is well known fact that the NE zone is full of natural resources like gas, crude oil, etc. Now ONGC Cachar forward base Srikona under basin Jorhat has started activities in so many places under southern Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura. Many drilling locations are either proposed or released for undertaking drilling operations. Close monitoring of exploration and other works from Jorhat is not easy on account of geographical distance and other reasons. Geographically, Jorhat covers Nazira and Sivsagar only. There is no direct air, rail or road connectivity between Jorhat and places mentioned above and forward base Srikona is facing huge loss on account of transportation cost. Past history speaks that Burma Oil Company in British period operated in these areas from Cachar district only. Now, Barak valley has become well connected by Air, Rail and waterways with the states like Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and other parts of Assam also. Recently, Barak River has been declared as National Waterway No.6 by the Union Government. Transportation facilities through rail or ship are also possible if required. Both, in the past and presently, many sites of Karimganj district occupied by ONGC for their operational use have been abandoned. So, land will be available for creating new infrastructure as per demand of ONGC.

In view of the above, I request the hon. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to establish a New Basin in Karimganj district which will be very fruitful for operational works in the states like Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura and Southern part of Assam with Srikona forward base.

माननीय सभापति : माननीय रूडी जी, आप बोलिये।

कौशल विकास और उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजीव प्रताप रूडी): महोदय, आज की कार्य सूची में 13 से 16 तक उत्तराखंड के बजट का प्रस्ताव रखा गया है और लेजिस्लेटिव बिजनेस में 17 से लेकर 19 तक उत्तराखंड विनियोग (लेखानुदान) विधेयक, 2016 के संदर्भ में रखा गया है। मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है कि आइटम नम्बर 20 को श्री अशोक गजपतिराजू की उपलब्धता के हिसाब से एंटी-हाईजैकिंग बिल पढते ले लिया जाए और उसके पश्चात तुरंत उत्तराखंड बजट ले लिया जाए।

माननीय सभापति : सदन की सहमति है।

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