

(a) the extent of increase in the production of oil and natural gas during 1989-90 as compared to 1988-89; and

(b) the details of estimated production

of crude oil from the on land wells in the Cauvery Basin in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The details are as under:

1988-89	1989-90	
Production of crude oil (million tonnes)	32.04	34.08
Production of natural gas (million Cubic Metres)	13213	16968

(b) The production of crude oil from on land wells of Cauvery basin was about 0.201 million tonnes during the year 1989-90.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Supply of Gas from Tapti Gas Fields

#### Mangalore-Bangalore and Mangalore-Hubli Railways Lines

6337. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI-YAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mangalore (Hassan)-Bangalore and the Mangalore-Hubli metre gauge routes are not properly developed and maintained; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. These two sections are well developed and maintained to the prescribed standards.

6338. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved land fall point near Pipavav in Saurashtra region of Gujarat for supply of gas from Tapti gas fields; and

(b) if so, when the gas supply is likely to begin at Pipavav?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). It has been decided in principle that the gas from the Tapti fields would be used for a power plant to be set up at Pipavav on the the Saurashtra Coast by the Gujarat Electricity Boards. However, supply of gas to this project would be subject to investment approval of the related facilities for gas production for which ONGC has been asked to submit their revised proposal to the Ministry.