

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1418
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2022

DISCOVERY OF OIL AT ASHOKNAGAR IN WEST BENGAL

1418. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the crude oil quality discovered near Ashoknagar in West Bengal is better than Bombay High and is superior to the Brent Crude that is the benchmark of crude in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ashoknagar's crude has a gravity of 40-41, a light variety which is in international demand; and

(c) the progress of drilling and exploitation so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b) As per initial laboratory studies, Crude Oil discovered in the Ashoknagar discovery is a light variety with American Petroleum Institute (API) gravity of 40-41° and is almost similar to Bombay High and Brent Crude.

(c) Three dimensional (3D) seismic data of 336 square kilometres has been acquired in the New Exploration Licensing Policy Block (WB-ONN-2005/4). The Ashoknagar-1 discovery is under appraisal and Ashoknagar-2 well is under testing after completion of drilling.
