

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd August, 2023

Shifting of Godavari Basin

2321. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether ONGC has any proposal of shifting Godavari Basin from Chennai to Rajahmundry;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the expenditure involved in shifting of already established infrastructure in Chennai and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of its impact on staff and employment potential in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a) to (c) ONGC has taken a decision to shift its office for Krishna-Godavari Basin from Chennai to Rajahmundry as all the operating acreages under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OLAP) are in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Further, all operation groups dealing with Land Acquisition, Civil, Drilling, Production, Well Logging, Cementing, Well Stimulation services, Surface and Subsurface, Forward Base, etc. are located in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It is, therefore, appropriate and administratively suitable to have the office at Rajahmundry for better coordination and operational efficiency. The estimated shifting cost is Rs.2.50 Crores.

(d) ONGC, Chennai office has 55 officer cadre employees, out of which 30 have been transferred to Rajahmundry as per the requirement of the company.
