

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07th August, 2025

**EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES OF OIL COMPANIES IN
NORTH-EAST REGION**

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Shri Dineshbhai Makwana:
Shri Bidyut Baran Mahato:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of estimated petroleum reserves in the North-East Region of India;
- (b) the major recent developments in exploration and production activities in the said region;
- (c) the quantity of crude oil and natural gas produced by ONGC and Oil India Limited in this region during the last three years; and
- (d) whether the Union Government is considering enhancing the capacity of the Bongaigaon Oil Refinery in Assam to 5.0 MMTPA and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)**

(a): As per Petroleum Resources Management System (PRMS), as on 01.04.2025, the estimated petroleum reserves and resources in North-East Region is 150.15 Million Metric Tons (MMT) for Crude Oil and 198.25 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM) for Natural Gas.

(b): During last three years (since FY 2022-23 to Q1 of FY 2025-26) a total of 2,753 Line Kilometer of 2D seismic data and 1,758 Square Kilometer of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 115 exploratory wells have been drilled in the region. Further, 11 Notices of Discovery (NOD) have been submitted by operators to Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and 07 discoveries have been monetized in the region during the aforementioned period.

The Exploration and Production efforts in North Eastern region have led to a total production of 13.131 MMT of crude oil and 15.158 BCM of natural gas over last three years.

(c): The quantity of Crude Oil and Natural Gas produced by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) in the north eastern region during the last three years is as under:

Oil Companies	Crude Oil (Million Metric Tonne)			Natural Gas (Billion Cubic Meter)		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
ONGC	1.009	1.046	1.051	2.030	1.859	1.563
OIL	3.159	3.334	3.425	3.041	3.090	3.171

(d) There is no such proposal presently under consideration of Government.
