

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:73
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003
GAS RESERVES IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of locations where ONGC found oil and gas reserves in the country during the past one year;
- (b) whether huge gas reserves have recently been found in some areas of Rajasthan bordering Pakistan;
- (c) if so, whether the potential of this find has been assessed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete steps taken to explore more areas in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 BY RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA AND SMT. SHYAMA SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2003 REGARDING OIL AND RESERVES IN RAJASTHAN

(a): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has established six hydrocarbon finds during the year 2002-03 namely, Vasai West in Mumbai offshore, GS-KW & GS-49 in Krishna Godavari offshore, Banamali & Laiplingaon in the onland Assam shelf and Chinnewala Tibba in Jaisalmer basin in Rajasthan onland.

(b) ONGC has made a new gas find in March, 2003 at Chinnewala Tibba prospect in Jaisalmer district of the State of Rajasthan..

(c) & (d) : A preliminary estimate of 470 Million Cubic Meter of initial gas in-place has been assessed for the above new gas find in Rajasthan.

(e): Government is taking the following steps in order to explore more areas in the country:-

(i) Offering of new areas/exploration blocks for exploration under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). Under NELP, Government has signed 70 Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) with various companies in first three rounds of NELP for exploration of oil and gas. 24 more exploration blocks are on offer under fourth round of NELP.

(ii) Under the X Five Year Plan, ONGC envisages acquisition of 35,286 Ground Line Kilometer(GLK)/Line Kilometer (LK) of 2-Dimensional (2-D), 34,834 square kilometer of 3-Dimensional (3-D) seismic data and drilling of 561 exploratory wells against which ONGC has already acquired 23,136 GLK/LK of 2-D, 11,144 square kilometer of 3-D seismic data and drilled 175 exploratory wells as on 1.7.2003.

(iii) Under the X Five Year Plan, Oil India Ltd. (OIL) envisages to acquire 7,575 GLK & 2,000 LK of 2-D seismic data in onland & offshore area respectively, 3,070 square kilometer of 3-D seismic data and drilling of 93 exploratory wells, against which as on 1.7.2003, OIL has already acquired 3,052 GLK of 2-D data, 437 square kilometer of 3-D data and drilled 9 exploratory wells.