

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ONGC DISCOVERIES IN MUMBAI HIGH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has discovered a major offshore oilfield with a reserve of 48 million tonnes of crude oil and natural gas in Mumbai recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said Basin field which recently produces gas of 32 million standards cubic metres a day, would have hit a dry patch next year with production falling by as much as 3 MMSCMD;
- (d) if so, whether the sting of discoveries will boost the country's oil and gas sector where local production accounts for only 30 per cent of the nation's total consumption; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b): Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has recently found oil and gas leads in B-22 structure located about 15 kilometres west of Bassein field in Mumbai offshore.
- (c): Keeping in view various aspects like reservoir pressure and natural decline, ONGC envisages a production of about 29.66 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) of gas in 2003-04 from the Bassein field, as against the current rate of production of 31 MMSCMD.
- (d) & (e): Exploration is a continuous process and the leads thus obtained from various discoveries are to be pursued to consolidate the gains and produce hydrocarbons, for which no time frame can be laid down.