

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAS IN KRISHNA GODAVARI BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved any investment plan for development of gas found in the Krishna-Godavari basin, off the east coast;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the number of fields in Krishna-Godavari basin so far declared commercial; and
- (d) the time by which production will be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have approved a development plan for G1 & GS-15 recoveries in the Krishna-Godavari basin. Completion is scheduled for April 2006 at an approved cost of Rs. 1262.93 crore. In addition, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) have submitted a development plan for two discoveries, namely, Dhirubhai-1 and 3 with a investment of US\$ 2.47 billion, the development proposal plan has also been approved by The Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH). Gas production by RIL is likely to start from August, 2008, as estimated by the operator. Out of 14 discoveries made by private / JV companies, 2 discoveries have been approved and declared to be commercial. The remaining discoveries are under appraisal.

As on 1.4.2005, 24 fields (7 oil and 17 gas) are on commercial production in the Krishna Godavari onshore and offshore basin. Two of these producing fields fall in the offshore area. In addition to these 24 producing fields, G-1 field is likely to be put on production during 2006-07 after integrated development with GS-15.