

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:180

ANSWERED ON:04.08.2005

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

- (a) whether gas reserves have been found recently in certain areas of the country including Krishna Godavari basin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the extent to which the production capacity is likely to increase thereby;
- (d) the estimated quantum and value of gas to be explored yearly from these reserves;
- (e) the expenditure incurred so far on locating such reserves; and
- (f) the time by which production from these gas reserves is likely to commence?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.180 BY SMT. SUSHEELA BANGARU LAXMAN AND SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2005 REGARDING GAS RESERVES

(a) & (b): The gas reserves accretion in 2004-05 by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC), Oil India Ltd.(OIL) and private/joint venture companies is about 182 Billion Cubic Metres(BCM) in onland and offshore areas of Indian sedimentary basin.

(c) & (d): Recent gas discoveries made by National Oil Companies(NOCs) and private/joint venture companies are under appraisal. The estimation of gas reserves can only be made after completion of appraisal of these discoveries.

(e): ONGC and OIL have made an expenditure of Rs. 2344.45 crore and about Rs.523 crore on exploration activities in 2004-05 respectively. Private/joint venture companies have incurred about Rs.1493 crore on exploration activities in blocks namely NEC-OSN-97/2, KG-DWN-98/3 and KG-OSN-2001/3.

(f): The production from recent discoveries depend on the results of appraisal and the techno-economic feasibility of the discoveries.