

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

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

- (a) whether ONGC has struck gas in the Krishna Godavari basin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the time by which production will start there?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, sir. In the Krishna Godavari onland basin, the first commercial gas find was made by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in Razole structure in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh in 1983. The first gas find offshore was made at GS-8 prospect in 1987. ONGC has established 97.68 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) and 40.14 BCM of initial inplace volume of gas in onland and offshore Krishna-Godavari basin respectively in its operational areas. In addition, Rawva and Joint Venture fields in Krishna Godavari, offshore where ONGC has a 40% share, has 11.89 BCM of in-place volume of gas.

(c) : In the Krishna Godavari onland basin, commercial production of gas started from Razole field in October 1988. Offshore gas production started from GS-15 and GS-23 fields in 2001.

As on 1.5.2004, 24 finds, including two offshore, were producing 4.9 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per day (MMSCMD) of gas in the Krishna Godavari basin. In addition, the natural gas production from the Rawva joint venture field is around 2.61 MMSCMD.