

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN ANDAMAN& NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any sedimentary basin map for bigger oil and gas reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if so, whether any discoveries have been carried out in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Panchyati Raj (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): The sedimentary basin map of India shows 26 sedimentary basins covering an area of about 3.14 million sq. kms, which includes 1.35 million sq. km of deepwater area. As on 1.4.2005, total prognosticated resources of 28-32 Billion Metric Tonnes(BMT) (Oil + oil equivalent of gas) have been estimated, out of which, inplace geological reserves of 8.28 (O+OEG) has been established by the exploratory efforts of ONGC, OIL and Pvt./JV companies.

(c) & (d): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC), on sole risk/in consortium, have been awarded 4 New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) blocks for exploration in the Andaman deep waters. 2D seismic surveys in these blocks are envisaged to be taken up during 2005-06.

ONGC had drilled 12 exploratory wells in Andaman offshore resulting in one gas find.