

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

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INVESTMENT BY ONGC ON EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC plans to invest huge funds in oil exploration and production in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ONGC plans to open new hydrocarbon basins in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)'s total plan outlay for the year 2005-06 , which includes expenditure on Exploration & Production, is as follows :

(Rs. in crore)

Particulars	RE 2005-06
Survey	1,732.29
Exploratory Drilling	2,790.91
Dev Drilling	1,690.10
Capital Projects & Purchases	4,968.27
JV Domestic	833.12
R&D	210.93
Integration	510.00
Plan-ONGC	12,735.62

(c) & (d) : ONGC have been carrying out exploration in the form of seismic surveys and exploratory drilling in the basins, viz., Mahanadi, Bengal, Kutch, Saurashtra, Kerala-Konkan-Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar in the states of Orissa, West Bengal and off the West and East coast of India and Frontier Onland basins viz. Satpura-S. Rewa-Damodar, Vindhyan, Ganga Valley and Himalayan Foothills in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.