

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005
ONGC PROJECT FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) launched a Project for providing urban amenities in rural areas in order to bridge the rural-urban gap through achieving balanced socio-economic development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of those States where this project has been launched so far and the achievements made therefrom; and;
- (d) the details of those States where this Project is likely to be launched in the near future?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 223 BY SHRI D.P.SAROJ TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2005 REGARDING ONGC PROJECT FOR RURAL AREAS

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. ONGC has launched the ONGC-PURA Project in the Maichara cluster of villages at East Kalabaria in Tripura state. ONGC would provide idle gas from isolated wells to generate power in the rural areas as a seed activity.
- (c) The project has been launched in Tripura. The services running successfully include: Randhan Seva (Community Kitchen) Gyan Kendra (School Library): IT education is being imparted.
- (d) ONGC would consider similar projects in areas where similar idle and isolated gas wells are available.