

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

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of oil and gas reserves have been found in different areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity of oil and gas assessed in these areas, area-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the exploration works on these areas are likely to be started alongwith the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. M/s Cairn Energy has made 14 oil/gas discoveries in the Barmer and Sanchore Districts in the State of Rajasthan. Initial inplace oil reserves in these areas are estimated about one billion barrels.
- (d) The exploration work in this area has been completed and the development plan for discoveries namely Mangla, Saraswati & Rageshwari and Aishwarya is under approval. As per development plan submitted by Operator, the commercial production of the oil is likely to start by end of 2007.