

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

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OIL WELLS IN BARMER
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether huge reserve of oil / petroleum has been found in Barmer and Jaisalmer region of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the area-wise and quantity-wise details thereof;
- (c) the share of Central Government and the State Government in this reserve;
- (d) whether ONGC is conducting survey to bore more wells; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof location-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. M/s Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd., the operator of block RJ-ON-90/1, has made 9 oil discoveries, of which 8 are in the Barmer District and 1 in the Jalore District of Rajasthan. The operator has declared 4 oil discoveries in Barmer and 1 oil discovery in Jalore District as commercial discoveries. The in-place reserves estimated by the operator in respect of 5 oil discoveries namely Saraswati, Rageshwari, NA-1, Mangla and GR-F are 44.88 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) and remaining 4 discoveries are under appraisal. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) also, have 12.55 Billion Cubic Meters (BCM) of in-place gas reserves in Jaisalmer region of Rajasthan.

(c): After development and commencement of oil production from commercial oil discoveries in the block, the State Government would receive royalty on the crude oil production, whereas the Central Government would receive cess on the crude oil production and part of the profit petroleum after recovery of contract costs by the contractor as per the Production Sharing Contract.

(d) & (e): ONGC is carrying out 3D seismic survey in the South Kharatar area of Jaisalmer District for further delineation of the gas find made in Chinnewala Tibba during 2002-03.