

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DISCOVERY OF OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN MAHARASHTRA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC) has found oil and natural gas reserves in Maharashtra, particularly in Chandrapur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assessment made by ONGC regarding availability of oil and natural gas; and
- (c) the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has not established any hydrocarbon reserves in Maharashtra. However, ONGC has carried out geological, Gravity-Magnetic and Magneto-telluric surveys and 1150 Kms of deep seismic sounding in Maharashtra. At present, ONGC does not hold any exploration acreage in Maharashtra. However, one Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block, WD-CBM-2003/II is being operated by ONGC, in which preparatory activities for exploration are in progress.