

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

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OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION BY ONGC  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. has decided to spend more amount on oil and gas exploration during 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure incurred by the ONGC on oil and gas exploration during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the quantity of production of crude oil and gas increased during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. ONGC has plans to spend Rs.4991.65 crore during 2006-07 on oil and gas exploration, which is higher than the previous year's exploration expenditure. The break-up of exploration expenditure during 2006-07 by ONGC is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Particulars	Amount
Survey	2036.40
Exploratory Drilling	2955.25
Total Exploration Budget	4991.65

(c) Exploration expenditure during last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Exploration Expenditure	Amount
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2003-04	2542.32
2004-05	3277.68
2005-06 (Provisional)	3701.91

(d) The details of oil and gas production of ONGC during last three years from 2003-04 to 2005-06 is as under:-

Year	Oil production (MMT)	Gas Production (MMSCMD)
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2003-04	26.057	23584
2004-05	26.484	22970
2005-06#	24.404	22574

#provisional figures.

During 2005-06, shortfall in crude oil production was mainly due to Mumbai High North accident in Mumbai High. The gas production has shown a declining trend over the years, mainly due to natural decline in the producing fields of ONGC viz., Bassein offshore field, Ankleshwar and Rajamundry.