

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

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DISCOVERY OF GAS 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 discovered gas reserves in collaboration with private sector companies as reported in `Dainik Jagran`, dated March 04, 2006;
- (b) if so, whether any assessment has been made regarding the quantity of gas available in such areas having gas reserves;
- (c) whether there is any likelihood of reduction in the import of gas as a result of new discoveries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) The news item appearing in `Dainik Jagran` refers to discovery of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) reserves in the country. Gas reserves have been established by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd. (GEECL) respectively in CBM blocks viz., Bokaro, Sohagpur (East & West) and Raniganj (South).

Of these, ONGC has discovered CBM reserves in the Bokaro block where it has 80% participating interest (PI) along with IOC - 20% PI. No private sector company has collaboration with ONGC in this block.

b) The gas reserves established in the above blocks are as under :

Blocks	Operator	CBM Gas in place (Trillion Cubic Feet)
Bokaro	ONGC	1.2
Sohagpur (East)	RIL	1.69
Sohagpur (West)		1.96
Raniganj (South)	GEECL	1.385

(c) & (d) Any increase in availability of natural gas from domestic resources will reduce the corresponding import of natural gas or will increase availability of natural gas for domestic consumption.