

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:410  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2006  
PRODUCTION AND SALE OF NATURAL GAS BY ONGC  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of natural gas produced by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) during 2004-05 and 2005-06;
- (b) whether the entire quantity of natural gas produced by ONGC during the said period has been sold;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the quantity of gas sold during each year;
- (d) whether the loss of gas produced has been estimated;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 410 BY DR. CHINTA MOHAN AND SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING PRODUCTION AND SALE OF NATURAL GAS BY ONGC.

(a) : The quantity of natural gas produced by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) during 2004-05 and 2005-06 was 22,970 and 22,574 Billion Standard Cubic Metres (BCM) respectively.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : The quantity of gas sold by ONGC, after meeting its internal requirements for artificial lift of oil, generation of power and steam and production of value added products during 2004-05 and 2005-06 are 18.525 and 18.226 BCM, respectively.

(d) & (e): The loss of gas produced is mainly due to flaring of gas, which was 3% and 2.6% during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively.

(f) : ONGC has already achieved zero gas flaring in Mumbai High Offshore area. The following steps are being taken to further reduce gas flaring :

# Laying of new gas pipelines

# Installation of gas compressors

# Setting up of Gas Collecting Stations

# Setting up of captive power generation facilities

# Identifying consumers for gas produced in isolated fields