

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1451
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
DRILLING AT BENGAL OFFSHORE BY ONGC
Acharia Shri Basudeb

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

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has sought fresh extension for completion of drillings at Bengal offshore from the Government;
- (b) if so, the details and action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details of progress made by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation so far in drilling process at Bengal offshore; area-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has sought fresh extension for completion of drilling in Bengal Offshore from the Government.
- (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.
- (c) ONGC has drilled five wells in pre-NELP regime and they are to drill four exploratory wells in the block WB-OSN-2000/1, but so far they have drilled only one well.