

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

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DISCOVERY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS BY ONGC
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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) had discovered natural gas in the Cauvery-Godavari basin off the Andhra Pradesh coast and the Mahanadi basin off the Orissa coast recently;
- (b) if so, the quantum of crude oil and natural gas discovered by the ONGC therein;
- (c) whether the costs of indigenous production of natural gas and crude oil is much higher than that of imported natural gas and crude oil; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has made gas discoveries in KG basin & Mahanadi basin in the blocks KG-DWN-98/2 & MN-OSN-2000/2 respectively. No discovery has been reported in Cauvery offshore by ONGC.
- (b) Quantum of crude oil and natural gas is ascertained only if the discoveries are found to be commercial.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.