

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

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PRODUCTION FROM AGING OILFIELDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been planning to increase production from aging oilfields and searching gas in coal mines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has identified such areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be spent on this venture alongwith the additional oil and gas likely to be produced?

Answer

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

- (a) : In order to enhance oil production from its present level by optimizing- the output from the existing fields. ONGC has undertaken implementation of Improved Oil Recovery (IOR)/Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) schemes. However, they have not done any work related to extraction of gas from coal mines.
- (b) : ONGC has identified the following 15 fields and initiated 18 projects for the IOR/EOR schemes:
 - (i) Western Offshore - Mumbai High North, Mumbai High South, Neelam, Heera.
 - (ii) Gujarat State - Gandhar, Kalol, Sanand, Santhal, North Kadi. Jotana, Sobhasan, Balol.
 - (iii) Assam State - Galekj. Lakwa, Rudrasagar.
- (c) : The approved cost of the 18 projects is Rs. 14,060.24 Crores and an expenditure of Rs. 10,733.23 Crores has been made up to March'06. The expected gain in oil production is 111 MMT and natural gas is 26.28 BCM.