

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

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OIL STRUCK IN BARMER DISTRICT IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more oil have been found in Barmer district in Rajasthan recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any other appraisal of the latest discovery of oil struck has been made; and
- (d) the other potential fields in the new northern basin?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): Three oil discoveries have been made in block RJ-ON-90/1 in Barmer district of Rajasthan during the year 2004. Two of the discoveries, namely Mangala and NA, have already been appraised while third discovery viz. NC is under appraisal. The appraisal of the discoveries is undertaken by integrating the available geo-scientific data and acquiring additional data, if required, which is an ongoing process. In addition, five discoveries already made in the block viz. Guda #2, Saraswati, Rageshwari, Kameshwari and Greater Rageshwari are also under appraisal. The commerciality of a discovery is determined after appraisal and the development plan is made thereafter. In the case of the discoveries made by M/s Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd., these activities are to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Production Sharing Contract for the block.