

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of oil and natural gas exploration projects undertaken and completed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is exploring gas and oil reserves in the Himalayan region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the expenditure likely to be incurred on the same and the duration of such programme?

Answer

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

(a) During the last three years (2003-06), as on 1.4.2006, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has completed acquisition of 6745 Ground Line Kilometre (GLK) of 2 Dimension (2D) seismic, 6131 square kilometre of 3D seismic and drilled 244 exploratory wells in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

In the current year 2006-07, as on 1.10.2006, ONGC has completed acquisition of 839 GLK of 2D seismic, 1809 sq. km. of 3D seismic and drilled 35 exploratory wells in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Tripura.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) ONGC, since its inception, has been carrying out exploration activities in the lower Himalayan foothills in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh. ONGC has already acquired 8310 GLK of 2D seismic data and drilled 19 well without any commercial success so far.

During X Plan period, ONGC had envisaged 225 GLK 2D-seismic data acquisition and drilling of three exploratory wells in the Himalayan Foreland basin area falling in the States of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh with a financial plan outlay of Rs.77.30 crores. As on 1.10.2006, ONGC has already carried out 2D seismic of 718 GLK and drilled two exploratory wells incurring an expenditure of Rs. 134.40 crores.

Currently, ONGC is holding two Petroleum Exploration Licenses, viz. Kangra-Mandi and HF-ONN-2001/1 in the Himalayan Region falling in the state of Himachal Pradesh for carrying out exploration for hydrocarbons. Exploration license in these acreages will continue partly into XI plan period.