

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

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OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated deposits of Oil and Natural Gas in various areas of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of the major drilling projects taken up in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;
- (c) the expected reserves of oil and gas in the Cauvery Basin; and
- (d) the royalty paid to the State Government for petroleum generation in the State during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a): The estimated in-place crude oil and natural gas reserves in Tamil Nadu as on 01.04.2004 are 54.69 Million Metric Tonnes(MMT) and 62.89 Billion Cubic Metres(BCM) respectively.

(b): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) have drilled 61 exploratory wells and 15 development wells in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years i.e. from 1.4.2001 to 1.4.2004.

(c): The in-place oil and gas reserves of the Cauvery basin(both onland and offshore) as on 1.4.2004 are 65.11 MMT and 73.60 BCM respectively.

(d): The royalty paid to the State of Tamil Nadu during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

2001-02	45.30
2002-03	71.06
2003-04	70.64

In addition, ONGC paid Rs. 14.56 crores as arrears for the period April 1998 to March, 2002 after implementation of the new royalty regime for ONGC's nominated fields.