

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has decided to invest about 20,000 crores for recovery of enhanced oil from the Indian oil fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether production from Mumbai High has been coming down continuously;
- (d) if so, the details of production of Mumbai High during the last three years, year-wise;
- (e) the reasons for decrease in production;
- (f) whether to increase the production of Mumbai High, ONGC has planned to inducted foreign companies to enhance the recovery; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b) : ONGC proposes to carry out Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) programmes in 15 of its major fields, including Mumbai High at a total cost of Rs.10,000 crores, spread over 6 to 7 years.

The IOR programme in the 15 fields is projectised into 19 schemes out of which 10 schemes costing Rs.4742 crores have been approved by the ONGC management and the implementation of the schemes has started.

(c) & (d): Over the last three years, production from Mumbai High has been declining as given below:

Year	Oil production (Million Metric Tonne)
1997-98	12.44
1998-99	11.59
1999-2000	10.15

(e): The Mumbai High field, discovered in 1974, was put on production in 1976 and reached plateau production between 1984-85 to 1989-90. Thereafter the field has gone into a declining phase, which is a natural process in aging fields.

(f) & (g): ONGC may consider associating reputed international service companies in the execution of the IOR programme with the objective of inducting latest technology and best practices.