

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

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

- (a) whether reserves of oil and gas have been identified in Rajasthan recently;
- (b) if so, the estimated quantum of oil and natural gas likely to be explored from these reserves;
- (c) whether the Government have undertaken the task of exploring oil and gas therefrom; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(d): During 1999-2000, crude oil has been discovered in Bikaner district of Rajasthan by a private company, viz. M/s Shell India Production Development B.V. (SIPD), with an estimated oil in place of 1.3 Million Standard Stock Tank Barrel (MMSTB). The quantum of crude oil to be exploited from this reserve will depend upon the result of further appraisal and exploration work, to be undertaken by the contractor.