

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

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RESERVES OF PETROL AND NATURAL GAS IN MAHANADI BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge reserves of Petrol, Oil and Natural Gas found in the offshore and onshore of Mahanadi basin and also in the Bay of Bengal have been discovered;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken for the proper exploitation of petrol, oil and Natural Gas in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b): No huge reserves of crude oil and natural gas have been discovered in Mahanadi onshore and offshore area and Bay of Bengal. However, 13 hydrocarbons bearing structures have been discovered in Krishna-Godavari, Cauvery basins and Andaman offshore. Out of these, three oil bearing structures are under commercial production. Steps are being taken for development of commercially viable finds.