

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2900
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
ONGC'S MAJOR PRODUCING FIELDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the major producing fields of ONGC are at a mature stage;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the ONGC to explore new fields and to redevelop its existing fields;
- (c) whether the Government have failed to stick to its policy of gradually increasing the price of ONGC crude to the international market price;
- (d) if so, whether it has affected the exploration work of Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and
- (e) if so, the assistance given to the oil exploration companies to boost the exploration?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred question No. 2900 for answer on 21.3.2002 regarding ONGC's Major Producing Fields.

(a): Yes, Sir. Most of the major producing fields of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) are at a mature stage of production.

(b): To explore new fields and increase the reserve base the following steps have been taken/planned by ONGC:-

- (i) Enhancement of reserve accretion in field growth areas.
- (ii) Efforts to establish medium to large fields in unexplored areas of known petroliferous basins.
- (iii) Explorations in frontier areas like Deepwater, Vindhyan and Himalayan Foreland.
- (iv) More intellectual inputs over physical inputs in basins like Bengal and Rajasthan.
- (v) Sustained efforts in technology induction for data acquisition processing & interpretation.
- (vi) New acreages acquisition under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

ONGC has launched a programme for Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) and Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) from the 15 major fields which account for 80% of ONGC's oil production, namely, Mumbai High, Heera, Neelam, Gandhar, Kalol, Sanand, North Kadi, Sobhasan, Santhal, Balol, Jotana, Lanwa, Lakwa, Geleki and RudraSagar. The above 15 fields have been projectized into 19 schemes for IOR/EOR programme, out of which 16 schemes approved by ONGC are at various stages of implementation.

(c): Effective 1st April, 1998, ONGC is being paid for its crude a price higher than the price it got upto March, 1998.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.