

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF ONGC AND OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the performance of ONGC and Oil India Limited during the past three years in so far as the exploration of crude oil and natural gas are concerned;
- (b) the details of the potential crude oil wells and natural gas in the country including their economic feasibility, production and production cost incurred thereon so far; and
- (c) the performance of Oil and Natural Gas Commission in various States during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a):As a result of exploration efforts, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited(ONGC) and Oil India Limited have accreted round 175 MMt of in-place hydrocarbons during 1996-99.

(b): Given the inherent uncertainty of exploration and production activities of hydrocarbons, for any site with potential for oil and gas, projections for factors such as economic feasibility, production and production cost cannot be made unless the well is actually drilled and tested.

(c) The state-wise finds discovered by ONGC during 1996-99 are given below:

State	No. of Finds
Assam	2
Andhra Pradesh	6
Gujarat	7
Rajasthan	1
Tamilnadu	6
Western Offshore	3

Total 25