

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3224
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RESERVES OF OIL AND GAS IN MADHYA PRADESH
ASHOK ARGAL;VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the reserves of Natural Gas and Oil have been found in Madhya Pradesh particularly in Sheopur and Shahdol districts recently;
- (b) if so, whether any team has been sent by ONGC for conducting survey there; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the survey team and the details of the gas and oil reserves found there?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. At present, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) does not hold any Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) in the areas falling in the districts of Sheopur and Shahdol of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(c): Does not arise in view of (a)&(b) above. However, during 2002-03 & 2003-04 (upto 30-06-2003), 91 Ground Line Kilometer (GLK) of two dimensional (2D) seismic data has been acquired by ONGC in Delakheri-Chawalpani-Matkuli-Rampur areas falling in the districts of Chhindwara, Betul and Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh.