

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WELLS DUGGED BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of wells dugged by ONGC in various off-shore in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the results of the analysis of the data obtained therefrom;
- (c) whether the ONGC propose further exploration in these areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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(a)and(b): During the period 1.4.96 to 31.3.99 Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) had drilled 64 exploratory wells in Western offshore and 9 exploratory wells in Eastern offshore. The analysis of the data obtained from drilling of these wells have given significant leads in the various offshore areas. In Western offshore, eleven wells proved to be oil bearing and eleven wells proved to be gas bearing. Besides, seven wells had hydrocarbon indications. In the Eastern offshore one well proved to be oil bearing and three wells gave indications of oil.

Ninety development wells to tap the production of discovered fields were also drilled in offshore areas during the same period.

(c)and (d): Exploration efforts by ONGC in Western and Eastern offshore sectors including Deep Water areas, are currently in progress in terms of seismic data acquisition and drilling of wells. Seismic survey programme, both 2D and 3D, and drilling of wells have been contemplated to be continued in these areas during 2000-2002.