

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OIL PRODUCTION BY IOC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the responsibility of oil production in certain areas of the country is being fulfilled by the Indian Oil Corporation;
- (b) if so, the areas where crude oil is being produced by the corporation;
- (c) the quantum of increase in crude oil production in these areas during the last three years;
- (d) the average cost of production of crude oil produced by the Indian Oil Corporation in the country during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005;
- (e) whether the crude oil so produced was sold to the oil refineries at par with the prices of imported oil; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)&(b) : Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) is not engaged on its own in the production of crude oil. However, IOC is pursuing exploration activities, in joint ventures with other national and private oil companies, in the following blocks in the country:-

1. NELP Blocks

- (i) MB-OSN-97/4, Shallow water, Mumbai Offshore (IOC-30%, ONGC-70%)
- (ii) GV-ONN-97/1, Onland, Ganga Valley, Uttar Pradesh (IOC-30%, ONGC-40%, Cairn Energy-30%)
- (iii) MB-OSN-2000/1, Shallow water, Mumbai Offshore (IOC-15%, ONGC-75%, GSPC-10%)
- (iv) MN-OSN-2000/2, Shallow water, Mahanadi Offshore (IOC-20%, ONGC-40%, GAIL-20%, OIL-20%)
- (v) MN-ONN-2000/1, Onland, Mahanadi basin (IOC-20%, ONGC-20%, GAIL-20%, OIL-40%)
- (vi) WB-OSN-2000/1, Shallow water, West Bengal (IOC-15%, ONGC-85%)
- (vii) MB-DWN-2000/1, Mumbai offshore (IOC-15%, ONGC-85%)
- (viii) MB-DWN-2000/2, Mumbai offshore (IOC-15%, ONGC-50%, GAIL-15%, OIL-10%, GSPC-10%)
- (ix) AA-ONN-2001/2, Mizoram (IOC-20%, ONGC-80%)

Except for the block MN-ONN-2000/1 where OIL is the operator, all other blocks are being operated by ONGC

2. Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Blocks

(i) BK-CBM-2001/1, Jharkhand (IOC-20%, ONGC-80%)

(ii) NK-CBM-2001/1, Jharkhand ((IOC-20%, ONGC-80%)

ONGC is the operator for both the CBM blocks.

3. Farm-in Blocks

(i) Block AAP-ON-94/1 (Assam-Arunachal Pradesh) (IOC-27%, Premier Oil-38% & Operator, HOEC-25%, OIL-10%)

(ii) Block CR-ON-90/1 (Lower Assam) (IOC-35%, Premier Oil-49% & Operator, Essar Oil-16%)

(c): As exploration efforts are continuing in these blocks, crude oil production is yet to start.

(d) to (f) : Do not arise in view of (c) above.