

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

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DISCOVERY OF NEW OIL AND GAS AREAS

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

- (a) whether an amount of Rs.75,339.87 crore was allocated to discover new oil-wells or areas in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the total amount utilized out of the above mentioned amount, till December, 2005;
- (c) the achievements made to discover the new areas in the country, so far, area-wise and company-wise; and
- (d) the total oil extracted/likely to be extracted from these areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

- (a) During Tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-07), Plan outlay of ONGC and OIL was Rs.33,418.95 crore and Rs.5,000 crore respectively.
- (b) Upto December, 2005 and during Tenth Five Year Plan period, ONGC and OIL have utilized Rs.30,002.80 crore and Rs.2,745.37 crore respectively.
- (c) During Tenth Five Year Plan period, ONGC have made twenty-two hydrocarbon discoveries, out of which, five were made in the State of Assam, one in Tripura, two in Gujarat, one in Rajasthan, two in Andhra Pradesh, six in Krishna-Godavari offshore and five in western offshore areas. OIL has also made eleven oil and gas discoveries in Assam during Tenth Plan period. Apart from discoveries made by PSUs, Private/JV Companies have made forty-one oil and gas discoveries, out of which twenty-one discoveries were made by RIL in eastern offshore areas, fourteen oil and gas discoveries by Cairn Energy Private Limited in Rajasthan and Gujarat offshore areas, two gas discoveries by Niko Resources Limited in Gujarat, three oil and gas discoveries by Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited in Gujarat and eastern offshore areas and one oil and gas discovery was made by Essar Oil Limited.
- (d) In-place oil and gas reserves accreted by ONGC, OIL and Private/JV Companies during Tenth Five Year Plan period were 370.220 Million Metric Tonnes of Oil Equivalent (MMTOE), 61.480 MMTOE and 583.740 MMTOE respectively.