

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISCOVERY OF NEW OIL AND GAS RESERVES

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

- (a) whether new oil and gas reserves have been found in certain areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the quantity assessed thereof, location-wise;
- (c) the time by which the commercial production is likely to be started from these reserves; and
- (d) the extent to which these discoveries will meet the domestic demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, under the Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) regime, total 24 oil and gas discoveries have been made during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 (till July 2006). The details are given in Annexure-I.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) have made 5 hydrocarbon discoveries each during 2005-06 in their nomination blocks. The details are given in Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) These discoveries are under various stages of appraisal. The amount of production will depend on their commerciality and, thereafter, their Development Plans. Since all production is meant for domestic sale and consumption it will entirely go toward meeting the domestic demand.