

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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FIRE INCIDENTS AT ONGC PRODUCTION AREAS

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

(a) whether incidents of fire have been reported from various production area of ONGC;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during the last three years along with the details of the loss of life and property caused by each of the above incidents; and

(c) the number of officers found guilty by the Government for the said incidents along with the details of punitive action taken against them?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. Six incidents have been reported at production areas of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in the last three years as per details given below:

S.L	Incident	Date	Loss of property	Lives lost
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1	Fire in 8" gas pipeline from Jotana GGS to Sobhasan CTF (Ambasan Village)	31.1.05	Negligible	Contractual- 2:
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2	Sagar Laxmi, Neelam & Heera Field, Mumbai Sector	18.5.05	Negligible	Contractual- 2:
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3	Major Fire Incident at BHN Platform, Mumbai High, Mumbai Sector	27.7.05	US \$ 406.248 Million (ONGC - 15, Contractual - 7)	Loss of lives: 22
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4	Major Fire Incident (Blowout) at Drilling Rig E-1400-20, Rajahmundry	08.9.05	Rs.12.2 Crores	Loss of lives: nil
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5	CFU-II, Uran Plant	03.4.06	Negligible	Contractual - 1
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6	CFU at CPF Gandhar	18.10.07	Estimated : Rs.15 lacs	Loss of lives: nil
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(c) All accidents were enquired. Based on the recommendations of the enquiry committees, gaps in the safety system were identified and necessary actions have been taken to mitigate the risks.

To further improve Safety Management System, all ONGC operations are certified for occupational health and safety based on OHSAS-18001 standard which is most widely accepted standard internationally.