

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

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RESERVES OF OIL AND GAS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any survey to ascertain the potential of oil and gas reserves in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details of the survey;
- (c) the areas where there are possibilities of the existence of gas and oil;
- (d) the quantity of oil and gas reserves; and
- (e) the time by which production from such blocks will be started?

Answer

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

- (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) has carried out surveys in the state of Jammu and Kashmir for ascertaining the potential of oil and gas reserves in the state.
- (b) to (d) Extensive geological surveys have been conducted by ONGC, supplemented with Gravity Magnetic and 2563 Ground Line Kilometre (GLK) of 2D seismic data acquisition. ONGC has also drilled four exploratory wells, two in the Jammu hills part of the Himalayan foothills and the other two in Karewa Basin in Kashmir Valley. So far, no commercial hydrocarbon reserves have been found in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (e) The feasibility of production of oil and gas can only be ascertained after establishment of commercial quantities of oil and gas reserves in Jammu & Kashmir.