

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

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OIL RESERVES IN MADHYA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ONGC has identified certain locations in Madhya Pradesh where oil and natural gas are likely to be struck; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Currently, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is holding two Petroleum Exploration Licenses in the State of Madhya Pradesh viz. Damoh-Jabera-Katni (in Vindhya Basin) and Rampur-Pachmarhi-Anhoni (in Satpura Basin). Based on available Geophysical and Geological (G&G) data, ONGC has identified two exploratory locations viz., Jabera-2 (target depth: 5200 meter) in Damoh District and Jhirna-1 (target depth: 4550 meter) in Hoshangabad District for drilling in the State of Madhya Pradesh for undertaking exploration activities for oil and gas. Presently, drilling activity at both these locations is underway.