

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2010
OIL EXPLORATION BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has made efforts for oil exploration in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal since 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount spent on these projects till date, and
- (d) the details of total oil production achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT MENTIONED IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2010 ASKED BY SHRI S. ALAGIRI AND SHRI K.P. DHANAPALAN REGARDING OIL EXPLORATION BY ONGC

(a) to (d): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been pursuing its exploratory efforts in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal for oil and gas exploration. During the period 2006-10 (upto December, 2009), the exploratory efforts have resulted in 17 discoveries each in Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Since 2006-07, ONGC has undertaken 16,683 Line Kilometer of 2D seismic, 21,687 square kilometer of 3D seismic data acquisition and drilling of 64 exploratory wells, in the Arabian Sea.

In Bay of Bengal 89,987 Line Kilometer of 2D and 44,307 square kilometer of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 40 exploratory wells drilled.

During the period of 2006-07 to 2008-09, total amount spent in Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal for the exploration activities is Rs.12,023.15 crores.

Oil and gas production from GS-15 field in KG basin in Bay of Bengal started from July, 2006. From 2006-07 to 2009-10 (upto December, 2009), ONGC's cumulative crude oil production in the blocks operated by them, situated in Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal is 66.794 Million Metric Tonne and 0.3345 Million Metric Tonne respectively.