

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

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EXPLORATION OF OIL NATURAL GAS IN AFRICA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the African country which has been identified by ONGC (Videsh) for exploration of oil, natural gas and Refinery Projects;
- (b) the total investment made for the current financial year;
- (c) whether there is any collaboration with other companies for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b): The countries in Africa where ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) is focusing its interest for future acquisitions of oil and gas projects are Sudan, Congo, Nigeria, Libya, Ghana, Angola, Egypt, Uganda etc. The estimated total investment in Africa for the current financial year 2009-10 up to January 2010 is Rs.715 crore.
- (c) & (d): The details of current projects of OVL in Africa along with other participating companies is annexed.