

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

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EXPLORATION OF GAS IN MAHANDI BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited/Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has discovered gas in the Mahanadi Basin of Paradip, Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether GAIL has since apprised the State Government of Orissa regarding the possibilities that would arise out of gas transportation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which GAIL is likely to make necessary presentation to State Government of Orissa?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Three (3) gas discoveries have been made in the two (2) blocks operated by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in Mahanadi Basin off Orissa Coast under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime. In one block, GAIL (India) Limited [GAIL] is one of the Consortium partners holding 20% of Participating Interest (PI). The details of the blocks are given below:

Block	Location/ Basin	Consortium partners	No. of gas discoveries
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MN-OSN-2000/2	Mahanadi-North-East Coast	ONGC (operator) 1 -40%, IOCL-20%, GAIL-20%, OIL- 20%
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MN-DWN-98/3	Mahanadi-North-East Coast	ONGC (operator) 2 -100%
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(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. GAIL had made a detailed presentation to Chief Secretary, Government of Orissa on 04.06.2010 and the State Government of Orissa has been briefed regarding possibility of future gas availability from nearby oil and gas exploration blocks of ONGC, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) etc. and based on the future discoveries pipeline infrastructure can be laid based on techno-economic feasibility so as to serve the different industries in the State of Orissa.