

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been allotted 26 coastal oilfields and 40 non-coastal oilfields in the country and out of them exploration work has been completed in 6 fields, including Gujarat State;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether production work has not been started in these oilfields; and
- (d) If so, the reasons therefor and assessment regarding quantity of reserve of crude oil in the oilfields that have been explored?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (b) ONGC has not been allotted any discovered field. However, during the period 2002-09, ONGC has made 111 discoveries out of which 26 onshore and 40 offshore discoveries were not put on production till end March, 2009. Subsequent to March, 2009, 5 onland discoveries including 1 in Gujarat State, have been put on production. These are Matar-11, Kesanapalli West-27, Kuthalam-37, Kizhvalur-7 and Nannilam-17.

(b) to (d) The 61 discoveries of 2002-09 not put on production, are currently at different stages of delineation/ appraisal. Lead time from discovery to production varies from months to few years depending upon the location and size of the discovery.