

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS

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

(a) Whether exploration of reserves of crude oil and natural gas in the country is an on-going process;

(b) If so, the number of crude oil and natural gas reserves found in the country till date with available quantity of crude oil and natural gas; and

(c) the annual average crude oil and natural gas produced by public sector oil companies during the last three years, and the quantity produced in the private sector?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Exploration of oil and gas reserves is an ongoing process.

(a) So far, 639 discoveries have been made in Nomination as well as in Production Sharing Contract (PSC) Regime. As on 1.4.2010 the in place oil and gas reserve in the country are 819.81 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) and 1473.22 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) respectively.

(c) The crude oil and natural gas production during the last three years by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC), Oil India Limited(OIL) and other Private/ JV companies are given below:

Crude Oil (in MMT)

Year 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

ONGC 25.94 25.37 24.67

OIL 3.10 3.47 3.57

Pvt./JV 5.08 4.67 5.26

Natural Gas (in BCM)

Year 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

ONGC 22.33 22.49 23.11

OIL 2.34 2.27 2.42

Pvt./JV 7.73 8.09 21.98

