

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

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OIL EXPLORATION IN KERALA KONKAN BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of oil drilling operation in Kerala-Konkan basin of Kochi conducted by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation;
- (b) whether deep sea drilling in the above cited region proved to be fruitful in terms of prospects of oil; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has drilled total 15 wells in Kerala-Konkan Offshore Basin which includes 9 wells in shallow water and 6 wells in deep water. Out of them, 5 wells comprising 4 wells in shallow water and 1 well in deep water have been drilled in area off Kochi.

(b) & (c): No hydrocarbon discovery has been made so far.