

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010
EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sources of Natural Gas discovered in various parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the reserved quantum of the said finds;
- (c) the extent to which the exploration of the said sources has been made; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring optimum use of the said gas reserves in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 53, ASKED BY SHRI MAHESH JOSHI, TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.11.2010 REGARDING EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS

(a) to (c): The statewise details of sources of Natural Gas Discovered in various parts of the country during the last three years is as under:

States	ONGC	OIL	Pvt/	JVs	Total
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Assam	2	4	1		7
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Andhra Pradesh	8	-	-		8
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Gujarat	4	-	1		5
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Rajasthan	1	1	3		5
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Tripura	6	-	2		8
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Tamil Nadu	1	-	-		1
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East Coast 8 - 14 22

West Coast 10 - 1 11

Total 40 5 22 67

All the above gas discoveries are under various stages of evaluation/appraisal/commerciality establishment.

(d) An empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been constituted to take decisions on allocation of gas produced from fields allotted under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). The EGoM has taken decisions to allot NELP gas to the following priority sectors for optimum utilization of the gas:

1. Existing gas-based fertilizers plants producing subsidized fertilizers.
2. Existing gas-based LPG plants.
3. Existing gas-based power plants and those to be commissioned in 2009-10, including liquid fuel plants, which are now running on liquid fuel and could switch over to natural gas
4. City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities for supply to domestic & transport sectors
5. Existing gas-based steel and petrochemical plants (only for feedstock & not for captive power requirement) and existing refineries.
6. CGD entities for supply to commercial & industrial sector customers consuming up to 50,000 scmd (standard cubic meters per day).
7. Captive power plants.