

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

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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS  
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) whether Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has been awarded certain blocks in KG Basin which has commenced gas production;
- (b) if so, the details of delay on the part of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and Gujarat Petroleum Corporation to start production of gas from the KG Basin, if any; and
- (c) the time by which ONGC and Gujarat Petroleum Corporation start the production of gas from KG Basin?

**Answer**

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

(a): Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) was awarded 12 blocks in KG Basin. So far, commercial gas production has commenced from DI, D3 and oil and associated gas production from MA fields in KG-DWN-98/3 block.

(b) & (c): Under the PSC regime, ONGC has made 7 gas discoveries and GSPC has made 8 discoveries (6 gas + 2 oil) in the blocks awarded to them in KG Basin. It has been reported that due to drilling of High Pressure- High Temperature (HPHT) development wells by GSPC and narrow weather window in East Coast, the first gas is likely to be produced by 30.04.2013 from the block KG-OSN-2001/3 operated by GSPC. The delay from the initial estimated dates is about 16 months. As per the Declaration of Commerciality (DoC) submitted by ONGC for Southern Discovery Area and Northern Discovery Area in the block KG-DWN-98/2, the first gas is likely to be produced in 2016-17. The exact time of oil/gas production will be known only after submission and approval of Field Development Plans (FDPs) for the discoveries.