

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

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

- (a) the number of new on-shore and off-shore petroleum reserves identified in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the estimated quantity of petroleum products in these reserves; and
- (c) the time by which commercial exploitation from these reserves is likely to begin?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) A total of 119 hydrocarbon discoveries have been made in the country during the last three years.
- (b) & (c) Assessment of oil and gas quantity and the time to put a field on production from new discoveries consists of various steps which, inter-alia, includes field appraisal/delineation, issuance of Mining Lease, drilling of development wells and setting up processing facilities.