

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AUCTION OF ONGC SHARES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large scale bungling has been reported in the auctioning of ONGC shares and allegation in this regard have been levelled upon National Stock Exchange and Delhi Stock Exchange;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c) No, Sir.

Auction of ONGC took place on National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange. Delhi Stock Exchange was not the auction platform.

The Offer for Sale mechanism was recently announced by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and was used for the first time in the case of ONGC. The system being new, some of the intermediaries involved in the process could not fully appreciate the operational issues and therefore, some problems were faced in data sharing on real time basis.