

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

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DRILLING /EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS

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

(a) whether any drilling/exploration operations for Crude and Natural Gas are taking place in Mahanadi basin and off shore of Mahanadi; and

(b) if so, the present status of such drilling/exploration projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) In Mahanadi Basin, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Private /Joint Venture Companies have acquired 38,404 Kilometre of 2D seismic and 34,046 Square Kilometre of 3D seismic data (as on 1.4.2009). In addition, 22 exploratory wells were drilled by ONGC and Private /Joint Venture Companies in Mahanadi offshore, resulting in 11 hydrocarbon discoveries