

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

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IDENTIFICATION OF BASINS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) are under the process of identifying eleven more oil and gas basins;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the same is unlikely to permit cost recovery and hence the profit sharing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) and (b). Directorate general of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has awarded one project each to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) for identification of prospective areas for Shale Oil/Gas in Indian sedimentary basins. The CMPDI project is for six Sub-basins in Damodar Valley and Sohagpur Basins and the study by ONGC is for eleven Basins/Sub-basins.

(c) and (d). Shale Oil/Gas reserve estimation has not been completed for these Basins/Sub – basins. Further, Government has initiated steps for formulation of a suitable policy for exploration of shale Oil/Gas resources in the country. Permitting cost recovery and profit petroleum etc. will depend on the terms of the Shale Oil/Gas Policy approved by the Government.