

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:98
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2012
EXPLORATION OF GAS IN KG BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of blocks/fields identified, number of gas wells discovered and those commercially exploited by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) Basin during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether ONGC has assessed the reasons for non-exploitation of discovered gas commercially and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ONGC/GAIL propose to sell/supply gas to small and medium enterprises in the districts/areas where gas has been found and exploited commercially and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the gas from small/isolated fields/low- pressure wells is also proposed to be supplied to such enterprises; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2012 REGARDING EXPLORATION OF GAS IN KG BASIN ASKED BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE, MP

(a) and (b): The number of blocks operated by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) regime and nomination fields and the number of gas discoveries made by ONGC in KG Basin during last three years and the current year are given below:-

Number of Blocks /fields Number of gas discoveries made by ONGC

2009-10 to 2011-12							
During the current year							
NELP Nominations	Offshore	Onland	Shallow	Deepwater	Total		
offshore	offshore				Onland		
14	Offshore	Onland	5	3	1	9	3

Offshore 38 14

Out of 8 discoveries made by ONGC in onland, 3 discoveries in onland are commercially exploited. In respect of 3 Shallow water discoveries, 1 gas discovery GS-KV-1 in shallow offshore is planned to be developed under cluster development and 2 shallow offshore gas discoveries (Chandrika South-1 and Alanakari-1) are in NELP block which will be appraised for commerciality as per PSC provisions. ONGC is making further assessment of 1 deepwater gas discovery namely GD-7-1.

(c) to (e): Majority of gas produced by ONGC from KG basin is sold to GAIL {3.618 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter per Day (MMSCMD)} which further transports and distributes to various consumers including small and medium industries, within the State of Andhra Pradesh. A small quantity of gas from isolated fields is also directly sold to small and medium industries in the East Godavari and Krishna Districts in KG basin by ONGC based on 1997 dispensation given by this Ministry for direct marketing of gas by ONGC from isolated fields. Details of customers provided are as under:-

ONGC Gas sales to DM consumers in KG Basin-Rajahmundry Asset (figs. In
MMSCMD

Sl No.	Consumer/ Location	2011-12
1.	Kusalava Power Pvt. Ltd, ex- Kesanapalli	0.006
2.	Priyadarshini spinning Mills Ltd. ex- Enugupalli	0.002
3.	Sriba Industries Ltd., ex- Lingala	0.035
4.	Venkatarama Power Ltd., ex-Mori	0.005
5.	Vijai Bhavani Powertech Pvt. Ltd. ex- Kesanapalli	0.003
Total DM Consumers Rajahmundry Asset, ONGC		0.052