

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

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

- (a) the year in which the Oil and Natural Gas corporation (ONGC) made the G1-G15 discoveries; and
- (b) the scheduled date for commencement of production therefrom and the reasons for delay in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAANKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) made discoveries G-1 in June, 1980 and GS-15 in September, 1993.

(b) The project "Integrated Development of G-1 & GS-15" is currently under implementation by ONGC in Eastern Offshore Asset. The project envisages production of 0.982 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) of Oil and 5.92 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) of gas over a period of 15 years.

Production has already commenced from GS-15 in August, 2011. However, the project is expected to be completed by June, 2013.

Main reasons for delay in implementation of the project are as under:-

- # Repudiation of contract by the contractor (M/s Clough Engineering, Australia) resulting in termination of the contract on 04.06.2007.
- # Delay in proceedings in Mumbai High Court and prolonged legal battle.
- # Delay in finalization of out of court settlement.
- # Non-cooperation by equipment suppliers, sub-contractors and consultants.
- # Delay in availability of sub-sea manifold and prolonged repairing work.
- # Complications in well completion at G1-9.