

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

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

- (a) whether large deposits of petroleum and natural gas have been found at various places in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the likely impact of discovery of these resources on the prices of said fuels in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) In the last five years (2007-12) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Private/ Joint Venture (Pvt/Jvs) companies have made 258 hydrocarbon discoveries in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Eastern & Western Offshore and Andaman Offshore areas in the country.

In 2012-13 upto January, 2013, ONGC, OIL and Pvt/Jvs companies have made 29 Hydrocarbon discoveries in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and in the Western & Eastern offshore areas of the country.

(c) The quantum of oil/gas reserves and their production profile will be known only after the assessment/appraisal of hydrocarbon discoveries. The likely impact of hydrocarbon discoveries will be to the extent of oil & gas production potentials of these discoveries.