GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:240 ANSWERED ON:06.12.2013 COMPLAINT OF ONGC Bhagora Shri Tarachand

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

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint from the ONGC regarding drawing gas from its reservoir by a private company;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): ONGC has informed DGH about the likely continuity of the gas reservoirs in Godavari PML and KG-DWN-98/2 block, operated by ONGC, with the producing pools of the adjacent block KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6), operated by RIL. Further, ONGC requested for Geological & Geophysical (G&G) data along with the production and well data of the contiguous area of the block KG-DWN-98/3 for analyzing the field continuity of the pools.

Further, in another case, ONGC in its latest communication has represented about decline in pressure from its wells in Kand Formation of Olpad field suggestive of cross boundary drainage and connectivity with the NSA Bheema field (CB-ONN-2002/2 Block) operated by M/S NIKO Resources Limited in Gujarat. The production from the CB-ONN-2000/2 Block has been suspended by the Management Committee w.e.f. 9.11.2012.

In the case of issues related to ONGC and RIL, DGH took up the matter with M/s RIL and ONGC and a joint meeting was held between ONGC & RIL on 30.09.2013 followed by signing of confidentiality agreement on 11.11.2013. The exchange of data between ONGC and RIL took place on 21.11.2013. Currently, the data is being examined by both the Companies. The Government would take further course of action in line with the provisions laid down in the production Sharing Contracts (PSCs), after the completion of the process of examination of data both ONGC and RIL and the outcome thereof.

In case of issues related to ONGC & NIKO, DGH has suggested that a third party assessment of reserves in NSA-Bheema field of NIKO and Olpad field of ONGC may be carried out, the cost of which will be equally borne by ONGC and NIKO.