

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF GAS BY ONGC AND IOL

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

- (a) whether gas areas allocated to ONGC and Indian Oil Limited five years ago have started the production;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of these gas areas and out of it the number of gas areas where gas is being produced on commercial basis;
- (d) the average annual gas being produced in these areas and its average sale price;
- (e) the basis on which the sale price is being determined; and
- (f) the names of the industries to which the gas is being supplied?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Five years ago, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) was awarded 14 blocks with operatorship in 12 blocks and Oil India Limited was awarded 2 blocks for oil and gas exploration under fourth bidding round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-IV) in year 2004. Production has not started from these blocks. However ONGC has made one discovery in the Block CB-ONN-2002/1 and the block area is under appraisal stage.

(c) No gas is being produced on commercial basis from these blocks.

(d) to (f) Questions do not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.