

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

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PRODUCTION OF HEAVY OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of heavy oil which has been discovered in the country;
- (b) the total number of heavy oil fields which have been developed and started production;and
- (c) the present status of development of the remaining heavy oil fields and the future plans for the development and production of heavy oil?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has discovered heavy oil in the fields of Lanwa, Balol, Santhal and Bechraji in Mehsana Asset of Gujarat. Total proved Oil Initially in Place (OIIP) as on 01.4.2009 in the Mehsana belt is 143.45 Million Metric Tonne (MMT). The oil production from the fields of Lanwa, Balol, Santhal and Bechraji was 0.075 MMT, 0.079 MMT, 0.329 MMT and 0.098 MMT respectively for the year 2008-09.

Private/Joint Venture companies have found heavy oil in Shakti Field in the Block RJ-ON-90/1. An In-place heavy oil reserve of 18 Million Barrel (MMBBL) have been found in Shakti Field.

Oil India Limited (OIL) has discovered reserves of heavy oil alongwith bitumen in the Baghewala field located in Jaisalmer-Bikaner district of Rajasthan. The estimated reserves of heavy oil in the above field is 3.75 MMT as on 1.4.2009. OIL has not commenced commercial production of heavy oil from this field.