

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT BY ONGC IN IRANIAN GAS PROJECTS

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

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has decided to make billion dollar investment in Iranian gas projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated oil and gas that will be extracted from these investment?

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) is examining the viability of investment in Iranian Gas Projects. The investment decision would depend on the viability of the Projects as established through detailed due diligence exercise to be carried out which includes aspect of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Pricing.

ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) led consortia consisting of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) has submitted a Feasibility Report for the oil discovery in Farsi Block, Iran based on techno-economic considerations to National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) on 26th November, 2008.

Commerciality of the gas find of Fazad-B gas field of Farsi Block established by the OVL led consortia has been accepted by NIOC. The Gas Initial In-Place (GIIP) is estimated to be 12.5 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF). Master Development Plan (MDP) to develop the field is under finalization in consultation with NIOC. Preliminary estimated Investment as per MDP would be about USD 5.5 billion for sales gas option wherein Gas production is contemplated for a period of 30 years.