

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

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LOSSES TO ONGC DUE TO LEAKAGE OF OIL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) had suffered a huge losses from blowing out leakage from Well Number 33 situated at Village Raipura, Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether because lack of casual approach/ efforts made by ONGC technocrats, many villagers/ families were severally affected from the leakage of gas in and around surrounded of this well;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total losses suffered by ONGC, the number of days suspension of work alongwith the details of villagers/ families affected therefrom and their rehabilitation measures taken by ONGC; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) ONGC has incurred only Rs. 1.27 lakhs of total financial loss apart from compensation in the blow out of well No. 33 of village Raipura, Gujarat.

The leakage of gas was controlled within 43 hours and the well was normalized. The Crisis Management team acted immediately after the leakage of gas from the well.

Immediate necessary action was initiated to control the leakage by ONGC. All required resources/ equipments were mobilized immediately for containment of the leakage so that the same would not affect the nearby villagers. This was accomplished by fire tenders continuously spraying water and completely cordoning off the area to avoid the leakage catching fire.

The total financial loss suffered by ONGC is approximately Rs. 1.27 lakhs. The work was suspended for only 43 hours.

An amount to the tune of Rs. 18 lakhs was paid as compensation to the affected farmers and as an immediate adhoc relief to the affected 35 families. ONGC, organized medical camp at site and counseling of the villagers was done by the Mahila Samiti of ONGC.