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GAS PRODUCTION BY ONGC

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

- (a) whether the gas produced by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) is flared;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to minimise the burning of the gas and to evolve a mechanism to reach zero flaring of gas and its commercialisation to stop such wasteful flaring of gas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (IC) (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b). A small quantity of associated natural gas is flared mainly on account of unavoidable technical reasons to ensure safety and environmental protection. In addition, a very small quantity of associated gas is occasionally flared from isolated fields producing oil and due to fluctuation in the consumer's intake of gas.

The average gas flaring from ONGC operated fields during the current year is 1.65 MMSCMD, which amount to 2.73% of the gas production of ONGC.

As far as OIL is concerned, the average flaring of gas is 0.44 MMSCMD. which amount to 5.8% of the total production.

(c). Continuous efforts are undertaken to bring it down to bare minimum i.e. upto technical flaring and maximize gas utilization through creation of necessary infrastructure of pipelines/compressors, development of markets and consumers and by identification of technologies for utilization of gas from isolated areas not connected to any gas grids but under production for crude oil.