

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:999  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2015  
Tendering Process by ONGC  
Natterjee Shri J. Jayasingh Thiyagaraj

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

(a) whether the State-run oil and gas explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has hired nine rigs from private firms through nominations rather than the mandatory tendering process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the requirement for these nine rigs was finalised long before January this year and ONGC had not invited tenders at that time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?  
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**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (I/C) (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d) No, Madam.

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