

The main reasons for an increase in cost in revised plan are as under :

- i) Increase in plateau production rate from 96,000 barrel of oil per day (BOPD) to 125,000 BOPD.
- ii) Change in production and processing from individual gathering stations to a central processing hub.
- iii) Updated cost estimates.
- iv) Increase in Service Tax.

The projected crude oil production from block RJ-ON-90/1 in Rajasthan is 2.6 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) in 2009-10 and 6.8 MMT in 2010-11 with peak production of 8.9 MMTPA. With this incremental production from Rajasthan, crude oil production of the country is likely to increase by 7.8% in 2009-10 and 20.3% in 2010-11. Under the existing set of fiscal terms and conditions, ONGC has negative net present value for its investment in the revised FDP.

Establishing Forest Academy

*140. SHRI P. RAJEEVE:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a comprehensive policy for training the forest personnel in latest scientific and technological developments in the field of forestry;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any project proposals from States for setting up of forest academies for this purpose;

(c) whether the Kerala Government had made any proposal for establishing forest academy; and

(d) if so, whether funds have been allocated in this regard to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, including a proposal received from State of Kerala.

(d) There is no scheme in the Ministry of Environment & Forests to fund proposals regarding establishing forest academies in the States/UTs.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Opening of coal extraction

†866. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are opening up coal extraction sector for the private sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi