

20% cum royalty on well head price of oil has been paid to the Government of Rajasthan as under:—

Year	Royalty paid (Rs. crore)
2009-10	121.62
2010-11	1832.95

Cost of developing oilfields in India

1061. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of developing oilfields in India is less than the estimates of other countries producing natural gas;

(b) if so, what are the comparative figures of cost of developing oilfields of natural gas in India *vis-a-vis* USA;

(c) whether Government has appointed the US-based Mustang in 2007 to validate RIL's cost estimates; and

(d) if so, the findings of Mustang's estimates of cost of developing oilfield?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) The cost of developing an oil or gas field depends upon several variables such as geographical locations (onland, offshore and deepwater), subsurface geology and reservoir, size of reserves, production profile, market conditions, prevailing price of oil and gas etc. Hence, the development cost of oil/gas fields in India and other countries may not be comparable.

(c) and (d) During October, 2007, M/s Mustang International, USA was engaged by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons to carry out cost validation/endorsement of the Capital Expenditure prepared by Reliance industries Limited (RIL) for the development of D1 and D3 gas fields in KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6) block. Using the lengths, quantities and equipments as specified, excluding the contingency to be applied by the Owner, M/s Mustang International, USA produced a deterministic estimate of US\$ 9,035 MM in contrast to the Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) estimate of US\$ 8,835 MM.

Allocation of gas to the States

†1062. SHRI PRAVIN NAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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