

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of inspections/raids
34.	Uttar Pradesh	6844
35.	Uttarakhand	947
36.	West Bengal	2518
TOTAL		69401

#### **Exploratory drilling in KG Basin by ONGC**

2694. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has started exploratory drilling in KG Basin after getting clearances from the concerned agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether results forthcoming from the drillings are encouraging for commercial exploitation; and

(d) if so, by when commercial drilling may begin in KG Basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) ONGC has started exploratory drilling in Krishna Godavari (KG) Basin after getting all clearances. ONGC has drilled 713 exploration wells in KG Basin and made 135 discoveries. As a result of its exploratory activities ONGC has found In-Place hydrocarbon volume of 1162.88 Million Metric Tonne Oil Equivalent (MMtoe) and ultimate recoverable reserve of 279.50 MMtoe.

ONGC is commercially exploiting its discoveries in onland/ offshore part in KG basin. The production from onland of KG basin during the year 2016-17 was 0.276 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) of oil and 868 Million Metric Stand Cubic Metre (MMSCM) of gas. Crude oil and natural gas production from Eastern Offshore Asset during the year 2016-17 was 0.016 MMT and 470 MMSCM respectively.

#### **Dealership to SCs/STs and women**

2695. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for special drive for allotting dealership to SCs/STs and women in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?