

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 767
ANSWERED ON-02/12/2024

CSR ACTIVITIES BY ONGC

767 SHRI CHANDRAKANT HANDORE:

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

- (a) the details of the works undertaken by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for social welfare related works under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during last three years and current year;
- (b) whether Government has fixed any criteria regarding utilization of funds under CSR;
- (c) if so, whether Government proposes to take some effective steps to ensure that the funds under CSR are spent particularly in the backward and Scheduled Caste dominated areas; and
- (d) whether Government has received any Social Audit Report to monitor the CSR activities undertaken by the ONGC?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has implemented 3966 projects at a cost of Rs 1568.46 crores in last 3 Financial years. During the current year, ONGC has implemented 778 projects so far at a cost of Rs 289.03 crores.

Government has issued guidelines and criteria from time to time regarding utilization of funds under CSR. Also, guidelines have been issued for adopting a theme-based focussed approach every year regarding CSR expenditure by the CPSEs. These guidelines, inter-alia, provide that CSR expenditure for such thematic programmes should be around 60% of annual CSR expenditure of the CPSEs and the aspirational districts as identified by NITI Aayog may be given preference while undertaking CSR activities.

ONGC has formed Board level Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (CSR Committee) which inter-alia finalises the modalities of utilisation of funds, implementation schedules for the projects, monitoring and reporting mechanism for the projects. Further, Internal, External and Statutory Audits are conducted regularly on the CSR activities which are published by ONGC in its Annual Report as well.
