

Exploration of oil reserves in Krishna-Godavari Basin

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Reliance has made a stunning discovery of the largest natural gas in Krishna-Gadavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of the discovery;
- (c) whether any action plan has been formulated to explore the gas;
- (d) the amount required to extract gas from the above Basin; and
- (e) to what extent it would help address the country's energy security concerns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Gas discovery has been made by the consortium of Reliance Industries Ltd. and M/s Niko Resources Ltd. in offshore Krishna Godavari basin deep water block KG-DWN-98/3 awarded to them under first round of bidding of New Exploration Licensing Policy. The preliminary estimates by the consortium indicate gas reserves of about 7 trillion cubic feet (about 198 billion cubic metres). As is the normal industry practice, following exploration; appraisal, development and production phases shall follow.

(c) to (e) Development Plans and schedule of commercial production in respect of these discoveries have not been firmed up by the concerned companies. As per Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), based on the preliminary test results available so far, the discovery in block KG-DWN-98/3 may tentatively produce gas at a plateau rate of about 25—35 Million Standard Cubic Metre Per Day (MMSCMD) for a period of 6-8 years, thus reducing the gap between demand and supply of gas to that extent.

Losses suffered by ONGC

708. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has lost 15,000 tonnes of Liquefied