

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
GAS RESERVES IN RANN OF KUTCH .

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is of the opinion that India has as much oil as Gulf countries and oil and gas reserves in Rann of Kutch are second largest only to Krishna Godavari (KG) basin;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that National Wild Life Board is not allowing digging due to existence of a wild life sanctuary there; and
- (c) the policy and the plan of Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a): No, Sir. ONGC has not opined that India has as much oil as Gulf countries. The prognosticated resource of Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin is 1130 Million Metric Tonne (MMT), whereas the same for Kutch basin, inclusive of Kutch of Rann, is 760 MMT. As on date, ONGC does not hold any acreage in the Rann of Kutch.

(b) & (c): One Block, namely GK-ON/4 operated by Focus Energy with ONGC Licensee, falls in the district of Bhuj in Gujarat. Part of this block falls in Narayan Sarovar Wildlife Sanctuary. The operator has requested for permission to carry out 2D seismic survey and drill exploratory wells in this area. The operator will start the work in this block after receipt of approval from Wild Life Department of Gujarat, which has not been received so far.