

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANSWERED ON
LEAKAGE FROM ONGC'S MUT PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether Government has taken notice of the gas leakage from ONGC's Mumbai-Uran Trunk (MUT) pipeline of Mumbai High area of the company situated at 80 kilometer off the coast of Mumbai;
- (b) whether spilling of oil from this leakage has adversely affected the environment of Mumbai coastal area;
- (c) whether production was immediately resumed at this important crude oil production area and oil supply was restored from another pipeline; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government has taken notice of a minor oil Leakage (not gas leakage) from ONGC's oil trunk pipeline i.e. Mumbai Uran Trunk (MUT) of Mumbai High field occurred near ONGC's Bassien Process-B (BPB) Complex in Bassien Field, 80 km from shore in Western Offshore on 21st January, 2011.
- (b) There was no oil spill in coastal area of Mumbai and the marine life was not affected. However, the pipeline leakage had resulted in an oil slick approx, 43 nautical miles off the Mumbai Coast, which is beyond the defined coastal area of 12 nautical miles from the shore.
- (c) The production was resumed same day and the oil supply was restored through another trunk pipeline.
- (d) Immediately after the detection of leakage, crude pumping through the MUT was stopped. Oil of MUT pipeline was diverted through ICP-Heera trunk line and Bombay Uran Trunk line (BUT). Additionally, crude oil was evacuated through tanker deployed at Single Buoy Mooring (SBMs) at SHD & NA well cum process platforms of Mumbai High.