

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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DELAY IN OIL PRODUCTION FROM ONGC'S OIL FIELD

145. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) when was production supposed to commence at the giant oil field, 98/2, discovered by the Flagship national oil company, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC);
- (b) the party responsible for the delay; and
- (c) the reasons for shifting of the goal post?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): M/s Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), a national oil company, is the operator of the block KG-DWN-98/2, consisting of three clusters of discoveries i.e. Cluster-I, II & III. After the discoveries are made in any block, operator is required to submit a Field Development Plan (FDP) for approval by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH). Thereafter, the operator commences production facility development followed by testing and commercial production. **Cluster-I** consists of three (3) discoveries. FDPs of 2 discoveries were approved in 2019. This project is currently in development stage. In **Cluster-II**, commercial production from one gas field has already commenced from March 2020 and commercial production of crude oil is scheduled for May 2024. The project is likely to achieve full completion by 2024. In **Cluster-III**, there is one ultra-deep water gas discovery which would be the second deepest hydrocarbon discovery in the world, when monetized. The FDP is scheduled to be submitted by January 2026.

(b) to (c): Block KG-DWN-98/2 is an offshore project with challenging geology. Delays have occurred due to multiple challenges and issues in actual project implementation such as sub-surface geological issues, shifting of well locations and surface facilities/processing platform, delays and disruption in project supply chain for vendors spread across multiple countries due to Covid-19 pandemic and challenging weather conditions.
