

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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GAS WELL BLOWOUTS IN THE COUNTRY

2544 SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- (a) the number of gas well blowout incidents reported during the last twelve months, including those at ONGC sites;
- (b) the average time taken by Government or ONGC teams to cap these wells after the incident was reported;
- (c) the total number of families evacuated or adversely affected during these events, along with the relief measures provided and the funds disbursed; and
- (d) whether any independent assessment has been commissioned to evaluate the environmental and health impact on the surrounding population?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (d) During the last twelve months one gas well blowout incident has been reported on 12 June 2025 at ONGC's Well RDS-147A in the Rudrasagar Oil Field, located in Sivasagar district, Assam. The uncontrolled flow of gas occurred at well RDS-147A was safely brought under control within 15 days on 27 June 2025.

Average time for capping of an oil well blowout by ONGC cannot be determined as only 1 gas well blowout incident has been reported at ONGC in the last 5 years.

Approximately 350 families (around 1,500 individuals) were temporarily relocated to nine fully equipped relief camps. The State Government ensured the provision of meals, safe drinking water, sanitation, and medical support in these camps. To provide immediate financial relief, ₹25,000 was disbursed to each of 357 affected families under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF). ONGC actively supported these efforts by supplying essential items, meals and drinking water, deploying its medical teams and doctors, organizing mobile health camps, and providing ambulance services.

In line with its mandate, the Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas initiated a formal enquiry into the incident. The preliminary findings confirmed that the event caused no injuries, no fatalities, no fire, and no toxic gas emissions.

Environmental parameters, including air and noise levels, were monitored by the Pollution Control Board of Assam (PCBA) and ONGC throughout the response period. All values remained within the limits prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). There was no reported impact on drinking water or agriculture or health of local community.
