

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018**

Krishna-Godavari Basin

886. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether ONGC has received environmental clearance for drilling five wells in the Krishna-Godavari (KG) basin off Andhra coast at an estimated cost of 217 crores to explore shale gas and oil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ONGC has been exploring off Andhra coast in KG basin for the last 35 years drilling as many as 65 small-to medium hydrocarbon fields; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

**MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited has received the Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for drilling of 5 wells to explore shale oil/shale gas in KG basin in Andhra Pradesh and the total estimated cost of drilling of five wells is ₹ 217crore.Details are as under:-

Well	Name of PML Block	Target Depth (in meter)	Estimated Cost (₹ crore)
WG-SG-A	West Godavari	3300	35
MA-SG-A	Mahadevapatnam	4300	46
MD-SG-A	Mandapeta	4000	44
BT-SG-A	Bantumilli Extn	4200	45
SU-SG-A	Suryaraopeta	4400	47
Total Cost			217

(c) & (d) ONGC drilled its first well, G-1, in KG offshore in 1980. ONGC has so far made 45 discoveries and also holds 13 discoveries made by earlier operator in KG basin.