

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 74
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th January, 2026

Potential of Petroleum and Natural Gas Reserves in Daman and Diu

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any assessment or evaluation study to ascertain the presence or absence of potential petroleum or natural gas reserves in Daman and Diu and its surrounding areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has considered the options for linking petroleum reserves located along the coastal boundaries of Gujarat and Maharashtra with the local economy of Daman and Diu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any roadmap or blueprint has been prepared by the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this may impact the functioning of industries located in Daman and Diu?

ANSWER

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
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**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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(a) to (c): The Government had conducted the Hydrocarbon Resource Assessment Study (HRAS), 2017 to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of various sedimentary basins, including the sedimentary basins of Mumbai Offshore, Saurashtra and Cambay encompassing the Union Territory of Daman and Diu and its surrounding areas. The offshore area adjoining Daman and Diu forms part of the Mumbai Offshore Basin and Saurashtra Basin with Cambay Basin in close proximity. The estimated in place Hydrocarbon potential as per HRAS 2017 is as follows:

Basin	Estimated In place (Million Metric Tonnes of Oil Equivalent)
Mumbai Offshore	9,646
Saurashtra	1,325
Cambay	2,586

The Government has adopted a holistic and basin-level approach for hydrocarbon exploration and infrastructure development under policies such as the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) and the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP). The Government has been promoting integration of regional economies with petroleum and natural gas infrastructure through the expansion of pipelines, LNG terminals, refineries, and downstream facilities in the country, including along the coasts of Gujarat and Maharashtra. While no standalone roadmap has been prepared exclusively for Daman and Diu, ongoing continuous process of expansion of oil and gas infrastructure in the western coastal region is expected to support industrial activity, employment generation, and availability of cleaner fuels for industries located in the region.
