

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF OIL IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether oil exploration at Champang on Assam-Nagaland border has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to restart oil exploration in this area;
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be commenced; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a)to(e): Exploration and production of hydrocarbons in Nagaland were suspended by ONGC since 1993 and 1994 respectively because of prevalent conditions. While attempts are being made to create a conducive atmosphere for resumption of exploration and production work, it is not possible to indicate a specific time frame therefor.