

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF WELLS BY ONGC IN NELP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has started exploratory work on 16 block in the NELP-II;
- (b) the investment incurred by ONGC so far on oil and gas exploration work in the 16 exploration block of NELP-II and the findings thereof; (
- (c) whether ONGC has not seen any success in this phase of exploratory work;
- (d) if so, whether more investment is required by ONGC for this purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Under the second round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP II) there are 15 blocks under Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) operation. In these, besides reprocessing and reviewing of existing data, ONGC has acquired 4108 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2D and 619 Sq. Km. of 3D seismic data in 8 blocks as on 1.1.2002. In other 7 blocks, the work of evaluation of geoscientific data and reprocessing of seismic data has started.

(b) & (c): The total investment incurred so far on the 15 oil and gas exploration blocks operated by ONGC under NELP-II is Rs. 976 lakhs (provisional). The exploratory work in these blocks is in the initial stages and results can be ascertained only when processing and interpretation of geoscientific data followed by exploratory drilling is completed.

(d) & (e): In addition to the investments already made, ONGC has planned acquisition, processing and interpretation of geoscientific data and exploratory drilling which will require additional investment. The projected outlay for exploratory work in the NELP blocks awarded to ONGC is Rs. 173.86 crore in BE 2000-03 and Rs. 2168 crore for the Tenth Plan as a whole.