

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:572

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OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACT TO INDIAN COMPANIES

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

- (a) the details of the Indian oil Companies who got oil exploration contracts abroad during the last three years;
- (b) the countries for which oil exploration contracts have been awarded to the Indian Oil Companies alongwith details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the share of Indian Oil Companies in the production of oil from this work?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Indian oil companies such as ONGC Videsh Ltd. (OVL), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL), Gail India Ltd. (GAIL) and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) have acquired participating interests in oil/gas exploration projects during the last 3 years in various countries. The details are given in Annex-I.

(c): Information in respect of OVL is given in Annex-II. As regards the other oil companies, at present their participation is in exploration blocks only where production has not yet started.

ANNEX-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 572 BY SHRI KHIREN RIJU AND SHRI CHANDRA MANI TRIPATHI TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2005 REGARDING OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACT TO INDIAN COMPANIES.

Sl. No. Country Project Year of Acquisition Name of the Indian Company
& Participating Interest (PI)

1 Yemen Malik Block-9 January 2002 Reliance Industries Ltd.: 12.25%

2. Myanmar Block A-1 April, 2002 OVL: 20 %
GAIL - 10%

3 Iran Farsi Offshore December, 2002 OVL: 40 % with Operatorship
IOC: 40%
OIL: 20%

4 Sudan GNOP March, 2003 OVL: 25 %

5. Libya Nc-188 & NC-189 June, 2003 OVL: 49 %

6. Libya Block-86 February 2005 IOC: 50 %
OIL: 50%

7. Syria Block-24 January, 2004 OVL: 60 %

8. Sudan Block 5A May, 2004 OVL: 24.125 %

9. Sudan Block 5B May, 2004 OVL: 23.5%

10. Sudan Pipeline Project June, 2004 OVL: 90 %
OIL: 10%

11. Australia WA 306P Aug., 2004 OVL: 55 %

12. Ivory Coast CI-112 Sept., 2004 OVL: 23.5%
OIL: 11.5%

ANNEX-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 572 BY SHRI KHIREN RIJU AND SHRI CHANDRA MANI TRIPATHI TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD MARCH, 2005 REGARDING OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACT TO INDIAN COMPANIES.

OVL share in the production of Oil and Gas from Overseas Projects

SL.NO. NAME OF THE PROJECT UNIT 2002-03 2003-04 1st half 2004-05

A. OIL/CONDENSATE

1. SUDAN MMT 0.18 3.323 1.847

2. VIETNAM MMT 0.003 0.022 0.020

B. GAS

1. VIETNAM BCM 0.070 0.523 0.572
Total 0.253 3.868 2.439