

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:490

ANSWERED ON:29.04.2010

ALLOTMENT OF OIL FIELDS UNDER NELP

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

(a) whether the Government has allotted oil fields to various Government and non Governmental Organizations in eight phases under the New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP):

(a) if so, the number of oil fields allotted to Government companies including the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC):

(c) the number of oilfields allotted to non-Governmental companies; and

(d) the number of oilfields under the Government companies where production has started so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.490 BY SHRI JAGDISH SHARMA AND DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI, TO BE ANSWERED ON 29-04-2010 REGARDING "ALLOTMENT OF OIL FIELDS UNDER NELP".

(a) to (c): Yes Madam, in order to increase production of oil and gas in the country, so far 203 exploration blocks were awarded to various companies under first seven rounds of NELP. Out of these, 118 blocks were contracted to the National Oil Companies/Public Sector Undertaking/ State Oil Companies, 57 blocks to Private Companies and 28 blocks to the Foreign Companies, as Operators. Under the eighth bid round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VIII), 70 blocks (24 deepwater blocks, 28 shallow water blocks, 18 onland blocks) were offered. 76 bids have been received for 36 blocks. Out of 36 blocks, 34 blocks are likely to be awarded.

(d): So far, commercial oil production has commenced from Ingoli Field in the NELP II block CB-ONN-2000/1 in Gujarat, operated by a State Govt. Company, M/s Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited. The current rate of oil production is about 700 barrels/day.