

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF OIL BLOCKS TO ONGC AND IOC

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

- (a) whether oil blocks were allotted to the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and the Indian Oil Limited for exploration of crude oil before the year 1990 and thereafter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the basis on which oil blocks were allotted during the said periods;
- (c) the number of the oil blocks alongwith the estimated quantum of oil reserve in each of the oil blocks; and
- (d) the break of oil production by the said companies from the oil blocks allotted to them before and after the year 1990 during 2008-09 and 2009-2010 separately?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS {SHRI JITIN PRASADA}

(a) to (c): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) was awarded blocks for hydrocarbon exploration before 1990 on nomination basis under Petroleum Exploration Licensing Policy. ONGC was allotted 85 blocks prior to 1990 and 212 blocks after 1990 on nomination basis before the advent of New Exploration Licensing Policy. ONGC is licensee in 23 blocks during the Pre- NELP regime. Under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) ONGC has been allotted 92 blocks as operator.

Recently, under the seventh round of NELP bidding Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has been awarded 2 exploration blocks as operator. However, no discovery has been made from the blocks allotted to IOC.

Before the advent of NELP, National Oil Companies were allotted exploration blocks on nomination basis by the Government.

Since Pre-NELP/ NELP regime, oil blocks are awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding process to the successful bidders.

The basin wise position of oil reserves in nomination blocks and blocks operated by ONGC as on 01-04-2009 are given below:

Basin (Nomination PEL) Oil Reserves (MMT)

CAMBAY	126.03
UP.ASSAM	88.81
AAFB	2.72
KG ON	1.9
CAUVHRY	4.48
CAMBAY OFFSHORE	1.02
MUMBAI OFFSHORE	302.66
KUTCH OFFSHORE	0.26
K.G. OFFSHORE	2.20

NELP blocks Oil Reserves (MMT)

Kankadurga field	2.32
Padmawati field	1.64
West Patan field	0.10

(d): ONGC's crude oil production (including condensate) during 2008-09 and 2009-10 from the fields put on production is as under:-

Year Crude oil production (MMT)

	From the Fields put on production before 1990	From the Fields put on production after 1990
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2008-09	23.651	1.715
2009-10	23.052	1.804