

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

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EXPLORATION OF OIL RESERVES IN KOSI BASIN OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) since when the work pertaining to exploration of oil reserves starting in Kosi Basin in Bihar;
- (b) whether the work pertaining to exploration has not been completed so far;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the said work in time?:

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d). The Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) was granted on 08.06.2005 in the block GV-ONN-2002/1 awarded under fourth bid round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-IV) in Bihar. Subsequently, one block each was awarded under NELP-VI & NELP-VII respectively.

About 1907 Line Kilo Meter (LKM) of 2D and 882 Sq.Km of 3D seismic data has been acquired, processed and interpreted and one exploratory well has been drilled in the awarded blocks. An exploratory investment to the tune of US\$ 42.18 MM has been made as on 01.04.2010. So far, there has been no hydrocarbon discovery.

Committed Work Programme in different Phases will be carried out in the awarded blocks as per timelines stipulated in Production Sharing Contracts.