

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

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SURVEY FOR EXPLORATION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the places where survey has been conducted by the various oil companies of public and private sector for exploration of oil and natural gas in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the exploration work completed by these oil companies so far;
- (c) the details of the crude oil extracted in the country excluding North Eastern States during the last three years and in the current year;
- (d) the details of the commercial production of crude oil during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to explore the oil reserves in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, during the last three years (2007-10), seismic surveys have been conducted by the Contractors in exploration blocks in Eastern Offshore & Western Offshore area including deepwater area and in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Bihar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh & Mizoram.

In Madhya Pradesh, following two exploration blocks have been awarded so far in various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP):

SR-ONN-2004/1 (Prize Petroleum- Jaiprakash Associates Ltd) in the districts of Shadol, Umaria, Anuppur & Dindori

VN-ONN-2009/3 (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.) in the districts of Damoh and Chhatarpur

(b) Under the PSC regime, during the year (2007-10), total 1,97,790 Line Kilo Meters(LKM) of 2D & 85,691 Sq. Km of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 265 exploratory wells have been drilled in the country. Out of these, 1860 LKM of 2D & 170 Sq. Km of 3D data has been acquired in Madhya Pradesh.

Similarly, during the year (2007-10), total 5061 LKM of 2D & 22887 Sq. Km of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 290 exploratory wells have been drilled in nomination areas by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

In addition to above, during the year (2007-10), total 1208 LKM of 2D & 2612 Sq. Km of 3D seismic data have been acquired in nomination areas by Oil India Limited.

(c) & (d) The crude oil produced under the PSC regime during last three years and in the current year till June, 10, including and excluding North Eastern States are as under:

Year 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (Upto June,10)

Oil (MMT) including 5.08 4.67 5.26 1.88
North East States

Oil (MMT) excluding 5.01 4.58 5.15 1.85
North East States

#MMT: Million Metric Tonne

(e) Govt. has taken the following steps to explore oil/gas reserves in the country.

Conducting various Geo-Scientific Surveys to identify prospective areas for exploration.

Offering more and more unexplored areas for exploration through NELP.