

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

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

- (a) the target fixed for exploration of oil and natural gas reserves during the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans respectively;
- (b) the number of oil wells drilled by the public sector oil companies in different parts of the country during the said period alongwith the quantity of oil and gas explored therefrom;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on drilling of these wells during the said period;and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to dig more oil wells in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) During the Tenth and Eleventh Five Year Plans, the target fixed for In-place Hydrocarbons Reserves Accretion is 902.93 and 2141.44 Million Metric Tonnes of Oil Equivalents (MMToe), respectively.
- (b) and (c) The number of oil wells drilled, the reserves added and the expenditure incurred for drilling of wells by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) in different parts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan and first three years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan are as under:

10th Five year Plan	11th Five year Plan(first 3 years)
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Number of Wells Drilled (MMToe)	Inplace reserves added in crore)	Expenditure incurred(Rs. in crore)	Number of Wells Drilled (MMToe)	Inplace reserves added in crore)	Expenditure incurred(Rs. in crore)
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1652	782.53	20451.63	1151	786.41	28790.26
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- (d) Government is offering more and more unexplored area under New Explorations Licensing Policy (NELP) in the country to boost exploration activities. So far, 263 Oil and Gas blocks have been awarded under Pre-NELP and eight rounds of NELP.