

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DRILLING OF OIL WELLS IN KRISHNA GODAVARI BASINS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the wells that were to be drilled in Krishna Godavari-Pranhita Godavari basin have been drilled;
- (a) if so, the number of total oil wells drilled and expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken to establish prospectivity of the area soon?

Answer

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

(a): Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, total 39 blocks were awarded in Krishna- Godavari (38 blocks) and Pranhita-Godavari (1 block) basin under Pre-New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and NELP rounds. Out of these blocks, 8 blocks have already been relinquished. As per the committed work programme in all exploration phases of 39 blocks, total 184 exploratory wells were to be drilled, out of which 100 wells have been drilled so far in the PSC regime by the private/JV (Joint Venture).

ONGC had planned 99 exploratory wells for drilling in the Krishna Godavari and Pranhita Godavari basin during XI five year plan (2007-10). Out of this 67 are onland and 32 offshore. The target for first three years was 69 wells against which 50 have been drilled (onland:27 and offshore:23) as on 01.04.2010. Out of these 50 wells, 45 wells have been drilled in the nomination acreages and 5 wells in NELP acreages by ONGC.

(b): Under PSC regime, the total number of oil wells drilled so far in the fields/blocks and expenditure incurred on drilling of the oil wells are given below:

Field/Blocks Oil Wells drilled Expenditure (in Million US \$)

Ravva Field 20 160.6

MA Oil Field 5 421.2
in block KG-DWN-
98/3

ONGC has drilled total 50 exploratory wells during first three years of XI plan (2007-10) in Krishna Godavari and Pranhita Godavari basin, out of which 9 wells proved to be oil and gas bearing.

Expenditure incurred by ONGC (including proportionate share of ONGC in NELP blocks) on exploratory wells in KG-PG basin upto 31.03.2010 is Rs. 9397.76 crore and Rs. 2244.36 crore on development wells.

(c): Apart from various geo-scientific surveys carried out by the operators in the awarded blocks in Krishna - Godavari and Pranhita-Godavari basin (onland and offshore), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has carried out speculative 2D seismic survey during 2006-07 and 2008-09 offshore area of both the basins. Based on these surveys, several offshore blocks were carved out in Krishna- Godavari basin shallow and deepwater area and were offered for bidding under NELP-VI, VII and VIII rounds.