

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

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ALLOTMENT OF NATURAL GAS FIELDS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES

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

- (a) the names of the natural gas fields which have been allotted to the private companies after exploration during the last three years alongwith the value of biddings thereof ;
- (b) the volume and the value of natural gas available in such gas fields for which bids have been submitted;
- (c) the value of gas available in such gas fields have not been estimated till date;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Government has incurred loss of revenue after gas fields handed over to private companies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No natural gas fields have been awarded to Private Companies after exploration during the last three years.

Under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) rounds, exploration blocks are carved out and awarded to successful bidders, National Oil Companies, Private or Foreign, through International Competitive Bidding process.

- (b) to (f). Do not arise in view of (a) above.