

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF PETROLEUM AND GAS IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the efforts made by the Government for the exploration of petroleum and gas in Bihar; and
- (b) the plan proposed by the Government for the exploration of petroleum and gas in the State, in future?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) Under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), 3 exploration blocks have been awarded in Bihar. About 8763 LKM of 2D & 915 Sq. Km. of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 7 exploratory wells have been drilled so far in these blocks. However, no oil/gas discovery has been made till date.

(b) Government does not have any immediate plan for carrying out further survey or awarding new exploration blocks in Bihar. However, exploration activities will continue in the blocks already awarded as per the work programme envisaged in the Production Sharing Contracts.