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

- (a) the location-wise details of the petrol reservoirs in Bihar where exploration has been delayed;
- (b) whether exploration has not still been completed in Koshi and Ganga basin where petrol reservoirs were discovered long back;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of exploration work of the said reservoirs?

Answer

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

(a) The exploratory inputs extended by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) and Private/ Joint Venture Companies in the state of Bihar have not indicated presence of any petroleum reserves so far.

(b)& (C) The surface data gathered so far in Ganga and Purnea Basin in Bihar has not given any lead for hydrocarbon reservoir.

In the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, following three exploration Blocks are under operation in the state of Bihar:

(i) GV-ONN-2002/1 (falling in the district of Madhubani, Sitamari, Darbhanga, Samastipur, Munger, Begusarai, Patna, Khagaria, Saharsa, Bhagalpur , Madhepura and Supaul).

(ii) PA-ONN-2004/1 (falling in the district of Araria, Kishanganj and Purnea).

(iii) GV-ONN-2005/3 (falling in the district of Paschim Champaran)

(d) Government of India has entered into Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for these three blocks. The Operator has to complete Minimum Work Programme as per the time frame stipulated in the PSC.