

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

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EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL  
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

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

(a) whether any survey for exploration of oil has been undertaken in the Himalayan Basin, especially in the border districts of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the findings thereof?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Survey for exploration of oil has been undertaken in the Himalayan Basin, especially in the border districts of Punjab. As on 01.01.2011, ONGC has acquired 7487.6 GLK of 2D seismic data and drilled 18 wells in Himalayan basins. Based on geo-scientific surveys, ten prospects viz. Jawalamukhi, Balh, Mohand, Ramshahr, Cheri, Suruinsar, Nurpur, Changartalai, Sundernagar, Hoshiyarpur, Adampur and Janauri (falling in the states of HP, J&K, Punjab & UP) in Himalayan basins have been probed by drilling. However, commercial success has eluded so far. Shallow gas horizons of limited extent were encountered in Jwalamukhi-I well and only minor gas shows in a few other wells were encountered.