

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOCATIONS OF OIL EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of locations where oil exploration activities are going on in the country;
- (b) the details of private companies involved in on-shore off-shore oil/gas exploration in the Country;
- (c) the terms and conditions under which private companies have been given exploration contract; and
- (d) steps being taken by the Government to explore more oil and gas to meet domestic demands?

Answer

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

- (a) Oil exploration activities are going on in Eastern & Western Offshore, Andaman Offshore, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh.
- (b) At present 38 Private Companies and 30 Foreign Companies are involved in exploration for oil & gas in the country in onland & offshore areas either as Operators or Non-operators under the PSC regime.
- (c) The terms and conditions for the blocks is as per the terms and conditions of Production Sharing Contract (PSC) of the respective exploration blocks.
- (d) Several measures have been taken by the Government to accelerate the production of natural gas in the country, which includes the following:
 - (i.) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and Coal Bed Methane Policy (CBM).
 - (ii.) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.
 - (iii.) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.
 - (iv.) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.
 - (v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.