

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

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OIL AND GAS RESERVES IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained any probability of availability of oil and natural gas reserves in Karnataka and in other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that geo-scientific studies have indicated a strong possibility of availability of oil and natural gas in the above State;
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the Government is likely to start the exploration activities in Karnataka and other States?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. In order to identify the prospective area of exploration, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has been conducting geo-scientific surveys in both onland and offshore area. Based on the results of survey conducted by DGH exploration blocks are carved out for offer under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding rounds.

The geo-scientific surveys carried out in Karnataka has not indicated any strong possibility of hydrocarbon reserves and hence, so far no exploration block has been offered in the State of Karnataka under NELP bidding rounds.

(e) As mentioned above, no block has been offered in the State of Karnataka under NELP bidding rounds in view of less possibility of Hydrocarbon reserves. However, the public and private sector oil companies are carrying out exploration works 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.