

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

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GUIDELINES FOR ISSUE OF LICENSES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any new guidelines for the issue of licenses to private companies and research organisations for exploring oil and natural gas resources and other hydrocarbon resources in the country; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

(a) & (b): The New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) for exploration of oil and gas and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy for exploration of CBM were approved by the Government in 1997 and no other guidelines have been issued for award of blocks for exploration of oil and gas resources in the country.