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OIL EXPLORATION IN KERALA-KONKAN BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of oil exploration at Kerala-Konkan basin;
- (b) the number of blocks awarded for exploration and the details of operators; and
- (c) the details of blocks that are presently operational?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, 19 exploration blocks were awarded in Kerala-Konkan basin in shallow and deepwater area as under:

11 Blocks were awarded to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) & its Consortium partners,

7 Blocks to Reliance Industries limited (RIL) and

1 Block to BHP Billiton & GVK Oil & Gas Ltd.

So far, about 47,657 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2D seismic and 12,667 Sq. Km of 3D seismic data have been acquired and 7 exploratory wells have been drilled in the awarded blocks. No hydrocarbon discovery has been made so far.

Besides above, ONGC has acquired 98885 LKM of 2D and 222 Sq. Km of 3D seismic data in nominated areas in Kerala-Konkan basin.

(c) Out of the 19 awarded blocks, 12 blocks have so far been relinquished and 7 blocks are currently operational. The operational blocks are as under:

4 Blocks under ONGC & its Consortium Partners.

2 Blocks under Reliance Industries limited (RIL) and

1 Block under BHP Billiton and GVK Oil & Gas Ltd.

The details of 19 blocks are annexed