

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

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EXPLORATION OF OIL FIELDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any fresh exploration of Oil fields in India other than KG-D6 basin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Govt. has awarded a total of 263 exploration blocks so far (28 blocks under Pre-NELP round and 235 blocks under eight rounds of NELP concluded so far) in onland, shallow water and deepwater area in 23 basins, including Krishna-Godavari (KG) Basin. Names of the basins where exploration activities have been initiated are given in Annexure-I.