

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

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INDIA SUDAN PARTNERSHIP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is Sudan's third largest partner in the oil sector and its companies account for 25 per cent of the oil offshore industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether recently an ONGC delegation was in Sudan to acquire equity in the untapped oilfields in Sudan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the success achieved by the delegation?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) : Yes Madam, India is Sudan's third largest partner in the overseas upstream oil and gas sector. No National Oil Companies (NOCs) including ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) is engaged in Offshore Oil and Gas activity in Sudan. However, in Sudan's Onshore Blocks 1, 2 and 4 OVL is having 25% share and in Onshore Block 5A, OVL is having 24.125% share.
- (c): No Madam.
- (d) and (e): Do not arise in view of (c) above.