

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

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STATE OF OIL ASSETS
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

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

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has prepared any Depository of data on the state of oil assets across India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to start a new round of bidding for oil and gas exploration in the country and Exclusive Economic Zone; and
- (d) if so, the time frame within which the next round of bidding would take place?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). During offering of exploration blocks under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding, Data Rooms are opened by DGH for viewing of Regional geological and geophysical data as well as block-specific data by the prospective bidders. Further, the information and data relevant to specific block/basin are also sold to the bidders by DGH in the form of information docketts and data packages during NELP bidding rounds.

(c) & (d). No proposal has been received from DGH to launch new round of bidding for oil and gas exploration under NELP.