

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OIL EXPLORATION BY GAIL  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of projects undertaken by the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) in the field of oil exploration; and
- (b) the amount spent by GAIL therefor and the achievements made therefrom?

**Answer**

Minister of state in the Ministry of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has participated in 36 Exploration & Production (E&P) blocks (32 in India and 4 overseas) and 3 Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Blocks. Out of these, 9 E&P blocks (7 in India and 2 Overseas) and 3 CBM Blocks have been relinquished. At present GAIL has participating interest in 27 E&P blocks. GAIL is the Operator in two onland blocks each one in Rajasthan basin and Cauvery basin. Three exploratory wells have been drilled by GAIL in the Rajasthan basin during the year 2011-12 and acquisition of 3D Seismic data is in progress in Cauvery basin.

(b) The investment made by GAIL in E&P and CBM Blocks (till Financial Year 2010-11) is Rs. 2218.54 Crores. The investment made during the year 2011-12 till December 2011 is Rs. 356.70 Crores.

Hydrocarbon discoveries have been made in 9 E&P blocks. Commercial production of crude oil is in progress from one onland blocks (Cambay onland) where GAIL holds 50% participating interest and current oil production is about 1200 Barrels of oil per day (bopd). Two E&P blocks (in Myanmar) are in development. Appraisal activities are in progress in 4 E&P blocks. Two E&P blocks have been relinquished as the hydrocarbon discovery was not found to be commercial.

Exploration activities are in progress in balance 18 E&P blocks. Drilling of wells is in progress in Mumbai offshore block, KG onland block and in Tripura onland block.