

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CSR OF OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of work undertaken by various public sector oil companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in North-Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to cover private sector oil companies also to bear the CSR;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government is exploring natural reserves of crude oil and gas in Western Rajasthan continuously; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the areas where the exploration is going on and the success achieved therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) The Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are working in the following sectors under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in various States including Assam and other North-Eastern States.

1. Development of education
2. Health care
3. Protection, preservation and promotion of heritage sites
4. Environment protection
5. Sports
6. Rural Development
7. Development of infrastructure/roads and bridges
8. Drinking water
9. Common LPG kitchen facilities
10. Release of one time grant to Below Poverty Line families in the rural areas for release of new LPG connection under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen LPG Vitaran Yojana

11. Hospital facilities
12. Relief and rescue works during natural calamities
13. Women empowerment
14. School facilities
15. Vocational training to youths
16. Training to women in income generation activities
17. Scholarship to meritorious students
18. Sanitation
19. Other community development project identified in consultation with local authorities.

State-wise details of works undertaken by the oil PSUs under CSR are available with Director (HR) of the concerned oil PSUs.

(b) & (c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs has released the National Voluntary guidelines on Social, Economic and Environmental responsibilities for companies including PSUs.

(d) & (e) Oil & Natural gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has informed that it has initiated exploration activities in the State in late fifties and has been continuing exploration since then. As a result, 7 gas bearing structures, viz. Manhera Tibba (1967), Ghotaru (1983), Kharatar (1990), Bakhri Tibba (1990), Bankia (1990), Sadewala (1997) and Chinnewala Tibba (2003) have been discovered. ONGC is currently carrying out exploration in Western Rajasthan in four Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) Blocks viz. Ghotaru Ext-I, Manhera Tibba Bakhri Tibba and Chinnewala Tibba.

Cairn Energy (India) Private Limited, a private sector company, has made 15 discoveries (12 oil and 03 gas) in the Block RJ-ON-90/1 in the Barmer and Jalore districts of Rajasthan. Similarly another private sector company 'M/s Focus Energy' has also made 02 gas discoveries in Block RJ-ON/6 in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.