

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

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

- (a) whether any new exploration in oil and gas sector in Bihar has been done during Eleventh Five Year Plan till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and company-wise;
- (c) the quantum of oil and gas drilled out from these reserves year-wise; and
- (d) the value in terms of money of oil and gas exploited per mensem from these reserves and the production cost of crude oil and gas?

Answer

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

(a) and (b). Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, so far 3 exploration blocks have been awarded in Bihar, covering an area of about 20,314 Sq. Km under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding. The Contractor has relinquished the block GV-ONN-2002/1. Exploration activities are ongoing in the other two blocks. Company-wise details of exploration activities carried out in the awarded blocks during XI Plan period (2007-08 to 2011-12) are annexed.

(c) & d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.