

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

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

- (a) the number of gas fields discovered by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) during the last five years;
- (b) the expenditure done in the gas fields discovered during the last five years, field-wise;
- (c) whether many exploration projects have been stopped in the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the expenditure done in these stopped exploration projects by ONGC?

Answer

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

- (a) During the last five years from 2007-12, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has made 34 gas discoveries in the onland basins and 30 discoveries in the offshore basins.
- (b) The expenditure incurred in the fields/wells is enclosed at Annexure-A.
- (c) & (d) Exploration in the nomination/ New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks is currently held up due to the various reasons in 2 blocks of Assam (falling in the disputed boundary area), 2 blocks in Nagaland (Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the State Government) and 3 blocks in KG Offshore (Ministry of Defence clearance awaited).
- (e) The expenditure incurred in the blocks where exploration activities are currently held up is enclosed at Annexure-B.