

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

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ALLOCATION OF BLOCKS TO ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) had been awarded eleven oil blocks in deep waters of the Eastern sea under the sixth round of New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP);
- (b) if so, the details of such oil blocks which are in the Krishna Godavari (KG) basin along with the date when such blocks were awarded;
- (c) the present status of production from these oil blocks along with the time frame by which production from all such blocks is likely to commence; and
- (d) the estimated quantum of oil and gas reserves in each of these awarded blocks?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. Under the sixth bidding round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI), total 11 deep water blocks in Eastern Offshore area were awarded to ONGC as operator along with other Consortium Partners as non-operators. Out of the 11 blocks, 6 blocks are in Cauvery Basin and 5 blocks are in Krishna-Godavari Basin.

(b) The details of the 11 exploration blocks awarded in Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery Basins are as under:

Sl. No.	Block Name	Basin	Awarded Area (Sq. Km)	Date of Signing of Contract
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1	KG-DWN-2004/1		11,951	02.03.2007
2	KG-DWN-2004/2		11,851	02.03.2007
3	KG-DWN-2004/3	Krishna-	6,205	02.03.2007
4	KG-DWN-2004/5	Godavari	11,922	02.03.2007
5	KG-DWN-2004/6		10,907	02.03.2007
6	CY-DWN-2004/1		10,302	02.03.2007
7	CY-DWN-2004/2		12,059	02.03.2007
8	CY-DWN-2004/3	Cauvery	12,017	02.03.2007
9	CY-DWN-2004/4		12,025	02.03.2007
10	CY-PR-DWN-2004/1		13,451	02.03.2007
11	CY-PR-DWN-2004/2		9,994	02.03.2007

(c) All the 11 blocks (5 in KG Basin and 6 in Cauvery Basin) are currently under exploration stage and no oil/gas discoveries have been made so far in these blocks. Hence, currently there is no oil/gas production from these blocks. The timeframe for commencement of oil/gas production in these blocks cannot be specified at this stage as the same will depend on exploration successes resulting in commercial oil/gas discoveries and subsequent approval of the Field Development Plans (FDPs) by the Management Committees (MCs).

(d). So far, no oil/gas reserves have been estimated in the awarded blocks as no oil/gas discoveries have been made in these blocks till date.

