

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2012
EXPLORATION WORK BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome of the recent oil and natural gas exploration work conducted by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC) in various parts of the country including Bihar;
- (b) whether the ONGC has abandoned the said exploration work in Bihar;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that ONGC resumes the said exploration work?

Answer

Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (DR. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 117 BY SHRI PURNMA SI RAM, MP TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2012 REGARDING EXPLORATION WORK BY ONGC

(a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited(ONGC) is carrying out exploration work in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal and also in the Offshore areas in Eastern(E) & Western(W) Coast of the country in its various operated acreages. Status of exploratory efforts made in various parts of the country during XI-Plan Period are as follows:

State	Seismic	Exploratory Wells
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2D Ground Line Kilometer (GLK/LKM)	3D Square Kilometer (SKM)
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ANDHRA PRADESH	3396.74	47
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ASSAM	310.74	1530.30	78
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BIHAR	1923.50	947.47
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GUJARAT	1547.36	4570.68	193
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HIMACHAL PRADESH			2
MADHYA PRADESH	195.10		4
MIZORAM	108.70		1
NAGALAND	44.18	5.75	
RAJASTHAN	2615.91	1017.57	7
TAMIL NADU	1709.90	4235.88	48
TRIPURA	823.70	702.59	32
UTTAR PRADESH	1311.24	210.83	1
WEST BENGAL	4336.35	3177.11	2
ONLAND WORK	14926.67	19794.92	415
W.OFFSHORE	20567.33	26166.76	106.00
E.OFFSHORE	101502.84	51098.98	71.00
OFFSHORE WORK	122070.17	77265.74	177
Total ONGC	136996.84	97060.66	592

(b) to (d): ONGC has not abandoned any exploration work in the State of Bihar. As may be seen from the above Table that ONGC has acquired 1923.50 Ground Line Kilometer (GLK) of 2D and 947.47 Sq. Km. of 3D seismic data in the State of Bihar.

ONGC is presently holding two New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) exploratory acreages awarded in NELP-VI round (PA-ONN-2004/1 in Purnea Basin) and in NELP-VII round (GV-ONN-2005/3 in Ganga Valley). The block PA-ONN-2004/1 was awarded to ONGC under NELP-VI round and falls in the district of Araria, Kishanganj and Purnea. Seismic data acquisition in the block has been completed as per the committed programme. Geological and Geophysical (G&G) studies of the acquired seismic data to firm up drillable prospects have also been done and two locations viz., Rasulganj-1 & Bahadurganj-1 have been approved. Presently, drilling of well Rasulganj#1 is in progress and the well has been drilled to a depth of 3243 meters. Another well at location Bahadurganj-1 has been identified for drilling. The block GV-ONN-2005/3 was awarded to ONGC under NELP-VII round and falls in the district of Paschimi Champaran. Seismic data acquisition in the block has been completed as per the committed programme. G&G studies are in progress to assess the prospectivity of the block and to generate drillable prospects.