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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has granted permission to certain private companies for exploration of oil and gas in the various river basins of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the work of these private companies in the river basins; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of such review?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAANKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, so far 135 blocks have been awarded to Private and Foreign Companies as Operators in onland and offshore areas, through Pre-NELP and NELP bidding rounds. Out of these, 44 blocks fall in various river basins. The details of blocks falling in the river basin areas are given in Annexure-I.

(c) Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), periodically reviews the progress of exploration works under PSC regime in Technical Committee Meetings (TCMs), site visits and advises for mid-course corrections, if any. Further, the overall progress is also reported from time to time by the Operators in the Management Committee Meetings (MCMs), and actions, if any, is directed by the Management Committee of the respective blocks.

(d) The following are the achievements by Private/Foreign Companies:

(i) A total of 110 hydrocarbon discoveries (52 oil and 58 gas) have been made so far in 27 blocks.

(ii) In-Place Reserves Accretion to the tune of 1023 Million Metric Tonnes (oil and oil equivalent of gas) has been realized as on 01.04.2012.

(iii) Current oil and gas production by Private/Foreign Companies are about 1,86,000 bbl/day and 27.8 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per day (MMSCMD) respectively.

An investment of about US\$ 20.5 Billion has been incurred by the Private/Foreign companies for exploration and development activities.