

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:766
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2013
BIDS FOR EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is aware that the State Government of Nagaland has decided to invite bids to explore oil and gas in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Government of Nagaland has invited expression of interest from companies for exploration, production, extraction and refining/bottling of petroleum and natural gas in the eleven oil and gas zones of Nagaland on 18.12.2012. The matter has been taken up with Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard.