

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5183  
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THREAT TO KG BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the threat to the Krishna- Godavari (KG) basin due to the setting up of launch pad for rocket launches in Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Six blocks awarded in the Krishna Godavari (KG) basins under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) have been allowed restricted exploration and production (E & P) activities due to upcoming security installations at Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Security Agencies have given conditional clearance to these six blocks in KG Basin, namely, KG-DWN-98/1, KG-DWN-98/2, KG-DWN-2003/1, KG-DWN-2004/4, KG-DWN-2004/1 and KG-OSN-2009/4.

After discussion and deliberation with MoD a workable solution has been evolved and taken up with Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCI) for approval.