

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1476

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OIL EXPLORATION IN VIETNAM

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vietnam has offered five oil fields on nomination basis for exploration to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, oil-field-wise along with the quantum of oil and gas resource estimated therein;
- (c) whether the Government has begun production related activities there; and
- (d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b). Yes, Madam. Petro-Vietnam has offered five blocks to ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on 20th November, 2013 for evaluation. Oil & gas resource estimation will be possible after evaluation of the blocks.
- (c). No, Madam.
- (d). Does not arise in view of (c) above.