

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

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OIL EXPLORATION BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has decided to start oil exploration in Kochi-Konkan region; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes Madam. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is actively involved in hydrocarbon exploration in Kochi-Konkan region. Presently, ONGC is holding two NELP deep water acreages viz. KK-DWN-2002/2 (NELP-IV) and KK-DWN-2005/2(NELP-VII) in Kerala-Konkan offshore basin.

Recently, ONGC acquired State of the art 2D Long offset and Sea Bed Node(SBN) seismic and Gravity-Magnetic data in NELP-IV(KK-DWN-2002/2) block and 3D seismic data in NELP-VII block (KK-DWN-2005/2). One exploratory well KKD-002NEA-A in block KK-DWN-2002/2 is under drilling to test the Mesozoic prospectivity in the basin.