

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

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OIL AND GAS BLOCKS
Singh Shri Pashupati Nath

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

- (a) whether oil and natural gas blocks explored by the Government agencies have been allotted to the private companies for extraction of oil and gas;
- (b) if so, the details of such blocks allotted during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the investment made by the Government agencies in exploration of such blocks during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam. 28 medium and small sized fields discovered by Public Sector companies, ONGC and Oil India Limited were awarded to Private and Joint Venture Companies during 1994-2004.

(b) & (c): No oil and natural gas block explored by the Government agencies has been awarded to any private sector companies during the last three years and the current year.