

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:212

ANSWERED ON:03.12.2009

EXPLORATION BY ONGC

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

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has not started exploration in most of the nomination blocks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the nominated blocks in which exploration works have started with outcome thereof; and
- (c) the time by which exploration work is likely to be started in the remaining blocks?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT MENTIONED IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2009 ASKED BY SHRIGURUDAS DASGUPTA SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI REGARDING EXPLORATION BY ONGC

(a) ONGC, is holding 69 nomination Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) blocks in the onland and offshore areas of the country. Out of the above, 50 nomination blocks are in onland, 14 in the shallow water offshore and remaining five in the deepwater offshore areas.

ONGC has been taking up exploration activities in these blocks based on availability of the resources, requirements and taking prospectivity into consideration. In three blocks (Singhpan, Bhagati Bhandari and Dimapur) in the state of Nagaland exploration activity has not commenced due to environmental/security constraints.

(b) Exploratory work has commenced in the nomination blocks in the following States:

State/Basin No. of nomination blocks

Andhra pradesh 2

Assam 7

Gujarat 24

Himachal Pradesh 1

Madhya Pradesh 2

Rajasthan 2

Tamil Nadu 6

Tripura 2

West Bengal 1

East Coast 6

Offshore (SW)

East Coast 2

Offshore (DW)

West Coast 8

Offshore (SW)

West Coast 3

Offshore (DW)

Total 66

ONGC has acquired so far, 881032.6.GLK/LK of 2D, 91586.08 sq km of 3D seismic data and drilled 5249 exploratory wells in the nomination blocks and these exploratory efforts have established 6653.48 MMt (O+OEG) in-place with 2398.44 MMt (O+OEG) as ultimate component. The data furnished in (a) and (b) relate to 1.10.2009

(c) Though the grant for three nomination blocks of Nagaland was issued on 28.4.2006 for a period of four years, exploration activities are suspended based on directions issued by the Government of Nagaland.