

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

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EXPLORATION PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN KARNATAKA

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

(a) the places in Karnataka where the work of exploration and production of petroleum products is likely to be started along with the details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of share for the State ensured by the Government out of the profit earned from the production of petroleum products in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) Geochemical Survey was carried out for Exploration of oil and gas in Bheema-Kaladgi area of Karnataka by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) in the year 2004-05. On the basis of these preliminary studies, low hydrocarbon prospectivity is attributed to these basins. So far no exploration block has been awarded to any company in Karnataka. However, it is envisaged to bring 80% of Indian sedimentary basin under exploration coverage by the end of XI plan i.e. by 2011-2012.

(b) As no hydrocarbon is being produced in the State of Karnataka under New Exploration Licensing Policy regime, no profit petroleum accrues to the State of Karnataka.