

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

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GAS BLOCKS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SIBERIA

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

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited have acquired oil and gas blocks in Mozambique and Siberia etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with investment made by the said companies in its said projects;

(c) the details of exploration of oil and gas produced from the said blocks to meet the demand in the country, block- wise; and

(d) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of oil and gas with the countries concerned in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to c). Yes, Madam. Details are given below:

Mozambique: Oil India Limited (4%), ONGC Videsh Limited a subsidiary of ONGC (16%) and BPRL a subsidiary of BPCL (10%) have acquired Participating Interest (PI) in Rovuma Area 1 in Mozambique offshore.

Siberia: OIL India Limited (50%) has acquired PI in a producing block License 61 in Western Siberia, Tomsk.

ONGC Videsh Limited has acquired Imperial Energy Corporation Plc. having its main operations in the Tomsk region of Western Siberia, Russia.

Sl No.	Project	Present Production rate	Expenditure Incurred
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1	Rovuma Area	Under development	USD 5802.23
	1 in Mozambique offshore		
2	License 61,	870 BOPD	USD 43.51million
	Western Siberia, Tomsk		
3	Imperial Energy Corporation Plc.	5,354 BOPD.	USD 2,726.77 million

BOPD: Barrel of Oil per Day

(d). Yes Madam. The MOUs signed by the Government with various countries for cooperation in the field of Oil and Gas are available on <http://petroleum.nic.in/aboutic.htm>