

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:560

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PURCHASE OF GAS BLOCKS BY GAIL IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES .

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

(a) whether GAIL is holding negotiations to purchase gas blocks in some countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the GAIL has also initiated Gas exploration work in some countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) is evaluating a farm-in offer in an offshore Egypt Block in which Shell Egypt is the operator.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. GAIL is a non-operating partner with 10% participating interest in a joint venture in Myanmar Offshore block where exploration work is in progress. The consortium partners and their participating interest in the project are as follows:-

Daewoo International - 60% (Operator)

ONGC Videsh Limited - 20%

GAIL (India) Limited - 10%

Korea Gas (KOGAS) - 10%