

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2506
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EXPLORATION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The names of multinational companies which have entered or propose to enter into contract for the exploration of continental shelf;
- (b) Whether any of these companies have been black listed for violating terms and conditions of the contract;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reasons for entering into contract with such companies; and
- (e) the reasons for not entrusting the job to Indian companies having expertise in the field?

Answer

MINISTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) No contract with any company, for the exploration of continental shelf, has been either finalised or awarded by the Department or any body subordinate to it.
- (b) to (e) Does not arise.