

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

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OIL AND NATURAL GAS RESERVES IN INDIAN OCEAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any surveys to find the Oil and Natural Gas reserves in the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the estimated quantity of oil and gas reserves; and
- (c) the steps taken to explore those reserves?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), Oil India Limited(OIL), and Private/Joint Venture companies have carried out 681994 line kilometers of 2D Seismic surveys, 99448 sq. kilometers of 3 D Seismic surveys and have drilled 1125 wells in the eastern and western offshore areas of the country.

(b) Based on the exploratory efforts, listed at (a) 4697.92 Million Metric Tons(MMT) of in-place reserves have been established.

(c) In order to accelerate exploration efforts, Government of India have announced the fifth round of NELP on 4 January, 2005. Out of 20 exploration blocks offered, 6 blocks are in offshore areas along the Eastern and Western Coast of the country and 12 exploration blocks are in onland areas. The list of exploration blocks on offer under NELP -V is at the annex. The bid closing date is 31 May 2005.

Annexure-I

Details of Exploration Blocks on offer under NELP-V

Sl.No.	Block Name	Basin	Area	State/Offshore	District
(Sq. Km.)					

Deep Water Blocks

1	KK-DWN-2003/1	Kerala Konkan	18245	Western Offshore	-
2	KK-DWN-2003/2	Kerala Konkan	12285	Western Offshore	-
3	KG-DWN-2003/1	Krishna-Godavari	3288	Eastern Offshore	-
4	MN-DWN-2003/1	Mahanadi	17050	Eastern Offshore	-
5	AN-DWN-2003/1	Andaman Nicobar	9970	Andaman Offshore	-
6	AN-DWN-2003/2	Andaman Nicobar	13110	Andaman Offshore	-

Shallow Offshore Blocks

7	CB-OSN-2003/1	Gulf of Cambay	2394	Western Offshore	-
8	GS-OSN-2003/1	Saurashtra	5970	Western Offshore	-

Onland Blocks

9	AA-ONN-2003/1	Assam-Arakan	81	Assam	Golaghat
10	AA-ONN-2003/2	Assam-Arakan	295	Arunachal Pradesh	Changling
11	AA-ONN-2003/3	Assam-Arakan	275	Assam	Tinsukia
12	GV-ONN-2003/1	Ganga Valley	7210	Uttar Pradesh	Deoria, Gorakhpur
13	VN-ONN-2003/1	Vindhyan	3585	Rajasthan	Kota & Jhalawar

14 RJ-ONN-2003/1 Rajasthan 1335 Rajasthan Jaisalmer-Barmer

15 RJ-ONN-2003/2 Rajasthan 13195 Rajasthan Jaisalmer-Barmer,
Jodhpur

16 CB-ONN-2003/1 Part A&B Cambay 635 Gujarat Ahmedabad, Kheda

17 CB-ONN-2003/2 Cambay 448 Gujarat Bharuch

18 DS-ONN-2003/1 Deccan Syncline 3155 Maharashtra Dhule

19 KG-ONN-2003/1 Krishna-Godavari 1697 Andhra Pradesh Krishna, Guntur

20 CY-ONN-2003/1 Cauvery 957 Tamil Nadu Thanjavur