

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

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AWARDING OF NEW BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether new blocks have been awarded under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V).
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any clear-cut policy which allows companies to announce the quantity of gas or oil reserves they have struck;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the details of blocks so far awarded under NELP, company-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir, the Government awarded 20 blocks (12 onshore, 2 shallow water and 6 deepwater blocks) to various companies under the fifth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V) following international competitive bidding system.

Details of 20 blocks awarded under NELP-V are as under :

Company / Consortium	No. of Blocks awarded
Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and RIL Consortia	5
ONGC and ONGC consortia	3
Cairn Energy and Cairn Energy Consortia	3
ENI consortia	2
Oil India Limited consortium	1
Focus Energy Ltd. consortium	1
Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd. consortium	1
Niko Resources Ltd.	1
Geo Global Resources	1
Jubilant Oil & Gas consortium	1
GeoPetrol consortium	1

(c) & (d) : Under the Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs), the Contractors are required to notify oil / gas discoveries to the Government / Management Committee within the stipulated period under the terms of the contract.

However, to cover all exploration and production operators in India, and in order to bring uniformity, the Government is formulating a norm for declaration of new discoveries and classification of hydrocarbon reserves.

(e) : In five rounds of NELP held so far, 110 blocks have been awarded, out of which 32 are Shallow water blocks, 40 are Deep water blocks and 38 are Onland blocks. Details of the blocks awarded (current operator-wise) are as under:

Operator	Shallow water	Deep-water	Onland	Total
ONGC	16	22	13	51
RIL	12	17	2	31
OIL	1	0	6	7
GSPC	1	0	3	4
Cairn Energy	0	0	4	4
Niko resources Ltd.	0	0	2	2
Enpro Finance	0	0	2	2

Gazprom	1	0	0	1
HOEC	1	0	0	1
Phoenix	0	0	1	1
Geo Global Resources	0	0	1	
Jubilant Oil	0	0	1	1
Geo Petrol	0	0	1	1
Jubilant Enpro Pvt Ltd.	0	0	1	
ENI Ltd.	0	1	1	2
Total	32	40	38	110