

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4390
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OFFSHORE EXPLORATION DRILLING CONTRACTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has given higher day rates in foreign currency to Indian Drilling Companies for their offshore exploration drilling contracts in Bombay High in this year;
- (b) if so, the day rates in the last three years for offshore drilling contractors in exploration contracts in Bombay High for Jack-up Rigs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir. No contract has been awarded this year so far for offshore drilling rigs in Bombay High.
- (b) & (c): Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.