

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

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BIDDING OF OIL AND GAS BLOCKS UNDER NELP VI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had offered oil and gas blocks under NELP-VI round of bidding;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the total estimates of oil and gas reserves; and
- (c) the time by which these blocks are expected to start production ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c):- Yes, Sir. The Government of India, on 23rd February, 2006, has offered 55 blocks comprising of 24 deep water, 6 shallow water and 25 onshore blocks under the sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI). The bid closing date for these blocks is 15th September, 2006. These are exploration blocks where exploration of oil and gas is proposed to be carried out. The exploration period for any of these blocks is 7-8 years. The estimated gas reserve and likely production will depend on the size of the discovery, if any, after exploration. Hence, no estimate of reserves and production can be made at this stage. LOK SABHA