

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2008
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006
AGREEMENT WITH OMAN FOR OIL EXPLORATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the GAIL (India) Ltd. has signed any agreement with Oman recently for oil exploration and production; and
(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other partners involved in the said agreement?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Gail (India) Limited (GAIL) along with its Consortium partners had bid in the Oman bidding round for 2 exploration blocks. The consortium was awarded one block, i.e. Block No. 56. The Production sharing Contract (PSC) was signed with Ministry of Oil and Gas, Government of Sultanate of Oman.

(b): The PSC was signed on 28th June 2006. The consortium partners of GAIL in Block No.56, of Oman are

Partner	Participating interest
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Oilex NL, Australia (Operator)	: 25%
Videocon	: 25%
GAIL	: 25%
HPCL	: 12.5%
BPCL	: 12.5%