

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

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SURVEY FOR OIL AND GAS DISCOVERIES IN GANGA BASIN

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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted surveys to explore the possibility of oil and natural gas in the States situated in Ganga Basin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years alongwith outcome thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which by exploration is likely to be started from these reserves?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) Oil and Natural Corporation (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL) and Private / JV companies have carried out exploration in Ganga Basin falling in the states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar. In the last three years, exploratory inputs expended in Uttar Pradesh by ONGC, OIL and Private / JV companies were 878 Kilometres of 2-D seismic and one exploratory well.

To accelerate exploration in Ganga Basin, 6 exploration blocks have already been awarded under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). In addition, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons has carried out an aeromagnetic survey across Uttarakhand.

No commercial hydrocarbon reserves have been established in Ganga basin till date.