

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

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SURVEY FOR OIL AND GAS DISCOVERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Australia and United States Companies Seismic Field Operation and Aero Magnetic have conducted survey to explore natural gas reserve in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the places where the survey work is going on to explore oil and natural gas reserves ;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to identify oil and natural gas reserves in other States of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Oil India Limited (OIL) has engaged the services of M/s Paragon of United States of America (USA) to carry out 3D seismic survey in two blocks in North-East. In addition, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) has carried out seismic survey in offshore areas through M/s GX Technology, USA.

(c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), OIL and Private / Joint Venture

(JV) companies are carrying out exploration in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand and West Bengal.

(d)&(e) In the sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), Government of India has signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for 52 exploration blocks, viz. 5 Blocks each in Assam, Rajasthan and Gujarat; 2 Blocks each in Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; one each in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra while the remaining blocks are located in offshore areas.