

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

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PERMISSION FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had granted permission to certain Private Sector Companies for offshore drilling;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the offshore areas in various States where those private companies have started drilling/exploration and the result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Government of India have signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) with domestic and foreign companies including private sector companies for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in onland offshore areas & deep water areas.

(b) & (c) Name of the offshore areas where PSCs have been signed along with adjoining States are as under:

Offshore area Adjoining State

- 1 Gulf of Kutch Gujarat
- 2 Saurashtra Offshore Gujarat
- 3 Gulf of Cambay Gujarat
- 4 Kerala-Konkan Offshore Goa, Karnataka, Kerala
- 5 Krishna Godavari Offshore Andhra Pradesh
- 6 Cauvery Offshore Tamil Nadu
- 7 Mumbai Offshore Maharashtra
- 8 North-East Coast
- Mahanadi Offshore Orissa

List of Private Sector Companies (Indian & Foreign) is enclosed in Annexure-I.

Exploration by private companies has been started in all above areas.

Oil and Gas discoveries have been made by private companies in following offshore blocks:

Companies Block No. of discoveries

RIL	KG-DWN-98/3	9
	NEC-OSN-97/2	4

Cairn	CB-OS/2	5
	KG-DWN-98/2	3

Annexure-I

Name of Private Companies working in exploration blocks in offshore areas:

(a) Indian Companies

- 1 Reliance Industries Ltd.
- 2 Hindustan Oil Exploration Company
- 3 Tata Petrodyne Ltd.
- 4 Jubilant Enpro Pvt. Ltd.
- 5 Enpro Finance Ltd.

(b) Foreign Companies

- 1 BG Exploration & Production India Ltd. (Subsidiary of BG Energy Holdings Ltd., U.K.)
- 2 Cairn Energy Cambay B.V. Netherlands (subsidiary of Cairn Energy Plc., U.K.)
- 3 Cairn Energy Gujarat B.V. Netherlands (subsidiary of Cairn Energy Plc., U.K.)
- 4 Cairn Energy India West B.V. Netherlands (subsidiary of Cairn Energy Plc., U.K.)
- 5 Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd. B.V. Netherlands (subsidiary of Cairn Energy Plc., U.K.)
- 6 Energy Equity India Pty. Ltd. (subsidiary of Energy Equity Resources Limited, Australia)
- 7 Geo Global Resources Inc. Canada
- 8 Hardy Exploration & Production India Inc. (subsidiary of Hardy Oil & Gas Limited, U.K.)
- 9 Mosbacher India LLC, (subsidiary of Mosbacher Energy, USA)
- 10 Niko Resources Limited, Canada
- 11 OAO, Gazprom, Russia
- 12 Okland International LDC, USA
- 13 Tullow India Operations Limited (subsidiary of Tullow Oil Plc. Ireland)