

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

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PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACTS UNDER NELP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) signed with various companies regarding exploration of oil and gas prior to the year 2004-05 under the New Exploration and Licensing Policy (NELP); and

(b) the expenditure and production estimated from such oil and gas exploration blocks at the time of signing of the PSCs along with the present status of production and expenditure incurred therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) Under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), the Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) were signed for 90 exploration blocks awarded under first four rounds of NELP bidding (NELP-I to NELP-IV), held prior to the year 2004-05. The company-wise details (as Operators) of the awarded blocks are as under:

Operator	Blocks awarded
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Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	47
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Oil India Ltd.	6
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Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	3
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Reliance Industries Ltd.	26
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Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd.	1
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Jubilant Oil & Gas Private Ltd.	3
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Cairn Energy India Pty Ltd.	2
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NIKO Resources Ltd. 1

AO Gazprom 1

Grand Total 90

(b) The Contractor(s), at the time of bidding, submit the Minimum Work Programme (MWP) in the blocks and estimated exploration investments required to carry out the MWP. However, no estimate for development investment and production profile is made at the time since the same depends on the success of the exploration activities to be carried out after the award of the blocks and resultant commercial oil/gas discoveries, if any.

So far, the investment made by the Contractor(s) for exploration and development activities in the above 90 blocks is to the tune of US\$ 17.4 Billion (comprising of US\$ 9.3 Billion for exploration and US\$ 8.1 for development) as against the committed exploration investment of US\$ 3.9 Billion at the time of bidding.

The commercial oil/gas has already commenced from 6 discoveries. During the current year (2012-13 till January, 2013), the average oil/condensate and gas production from these discoveries were 10,400 BOPD and 27.7 MMSCMD respectively.

(BOPD- Barrels of Oil Per Day, MMSCMD –Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day)