

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 919
ANSWERED ON - 27/07/2026

DEEPWATER DRILLING PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

919 SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken, approved any deepwater and ultra-deepwater exploration and production projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects, including block/location, basin-wise;
- (c) details of the estimated investment, reserves discovered, production capacity envisaged and employment generated under these projects; and
- (d) whether any roadmap has been prepared to develop Andhra Pradesh as a deepwater offshore energy hub through strengthened logistics, fabrication, port infrastructure?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) to (c): Nine (09) deepwater/ultra-deepwater exploration and production (E&P) blocks are active in the offshore Krishna-Godavari (KG) Basin off the coast of Andhra Pradesh,. The block-wise details, including of reserve discovered, production capacity envisaged etc are placed at **Annexure-I**.

E&P projects generate both direct and indirect employment opportunities including creation of diverse job opportunities in specialized areas, local engagement through skill development, onshore facility management, boosting both skilled and unskilled employment in the adjacent regions and multiplier effects from oil and gas monetization. Operators undertake various initiatives as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and statutory obligations, to ensure participation of local communities.

(d): The Government has not approved any standalone scheme specifically for development of Andhra Pradesh as a dedicated deepwater offshore energy or offshore equipment hub. However, successive bid rounds under the Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) have expanded exploration opportunities in the Krishna-Godavari Basin, generating demand for offshore drilling support services, marine logistics, fabrication facilities, subsea equipment and specialized offshore engineering capabilities.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 919 to be answered on 27.07.2026 regarding “Deepwater drilling projects in Andhra Pradesh” asked by Shri Sana Sathish Babu.

List of active deepwater/ultradeep water blocks offshore of Andhra Pradesh, Krishna Godavari Basin (Category-I).

S. No.	Block/Field Name	Active Acreage (sq. km)	Committed Investment (MMUSD)	Reserves (as per PRMS as on 01.04.2025)								production capacity envisaged
				Oil/Condensate (MMT)				Gas (BCM)				
				OIIP	2P EUR	Cum. Prod	Balance Reserve	GIIP	2P EUR	Cum.Prod	Balance Reserve	
1	G-1 Field	105	-	11.11	0.201	0.095	0.107	9.03	5.728	2.354	3.374	-
2	Vasistha	119	-	0	0.020	0.0012	0.008	12.919	6.655	1.718	4.937	-
3	KG-DWN-98/2	2392	5794.28	105.651	23.261	1.137	22.124	145.520	35.236	1.996	33.241	Oil: 50000 (BOPD), Gas: 6.5 (MMSCMD)
4	KG-DWN-98/3	979.75	2743 (Global) 1103 (incremental for RFDP)	28.154	10.468	5.812	4.656	174.322	159.230	113.992	45.238	Oil/ Condensate: 50000 (BOPD), Gas: 80 MMSCMD
5	KG-DWHP-2017/1	6574	0.075	Under Exploration								
6	KG-UDWHP-2018/1	1514	32.021	Under Exploration								
7	KG-UDWHP-2022/1	1200	52.799	Under Exploration								
8	KG-UDWHP-2023/1	9495.16	18.063	Under Exploration								
9	KG-UDWHP-2023/2	9223.22	23.755	Under Exploration								

PRMS-Petroleum Resource Management System, MMT-Million Metric Tons, BCM-Billion Cubic Meters, BOPD-Barrels of oil per day, GIIP-Gas initially in Place, EUR-Estimated Ultimate Recovery, MMSCMD-Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per Day.

Source: Directorate General of Hydrocarbons(DGH)