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QUESTION NO. 4088

TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017

Agreement of ONGC with Petroleum Companies

4088: SHRI KAMAL NATH:

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) Board has recently approved execution of farm in/farm out agreement with some of the State-owned petroleum companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC has signed Production Sharing Contract with State-owned petroleum companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue to ONGC from the said agreements?

Answer

पेट्रो लयम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(श्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPNDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

a) & (b) ONGC Board has recently approved execution of a Farm-in/Farm-out Agreement with Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited (GSPC) in respect of NELP Block KG-OSN-2001/3 falling in KG Offshore. Pursuant to the Board approval, the Farm-in/Farm-out Agreement was executed between ONGC and GSPC on 10.03.2017. The Farm-in/Farm-out Agreement envisages acquisition by ONGC of GSPC's entire 80 % Participating Interest (PI) and Operatorship in the block.

(c) & (d) ONGC has signed Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with State-owned petroleum companies i.e. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (GSPC) and Andhra Pradesh Gas Infrastructure Corporation Private Limited (APGIC, JV of Andhra Pradesh Government) for **34 blocks** under various NELP bidding rounds. In nine blocks the PSC has been signed with GSPC, while in other 21 blocks there are other partners in addition to GSPC with different participating interest (PI). Further, in one block PSC has been signed with APGIC, while in other three blocks in addition to APGIC there are other partners with different PI. The companies signing PSCs in consortium are benefitted to the extent of their Participating Interest levels in the blocks.