

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd March, 2023

Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas

3823: SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the outcome of the recent oil and natural gas exploration work conducted by Oil India in the country, especially in Assam;
- (b) the number of drillings and the places drilled by Oil India during the last three years in Assam; and
- (c) the outcome of the efforts are being made so far and the indications received for future?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROELUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (c): In line with the Government's objective to intensify hydrocarbon exploration and domestic oil and gas production in the country, Oil India Limited (OIL) has actively participated in Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) and Discovered Small Fields (DSF) bidding rounds. So far, under seven concluded OALP bid rounds, OIL has been awarded total of 29 blocks, out of which 16 numbers of blocks are in Northeast India, 5 in Rajasthan, 5 in Odisha, 2 in Andaman shallow offshore and 1 in Kerala Konkan shallow offshore. In DSF regime, OIL has been awarded 3 blocks for Exploration and Development (E&P) activities with 1 block each in KG shallow offshore, Tripura and Rajasthan.

OIL has made 7 discoveries in last four financial years i.e. from 2018-19 to 2021-22. Out of 7 discoveries, 5 discoveries (Dhakuwal-1, West Lohali-1, Dinjan-1, Samdang-5 and Borhapjan-8) are in Assam and 2 discoveries (Thanelanka-1 and Yedurulanka-1) are in Andhra Pradesh.

During the Financial Years (FY) 2018-19 to 2022-23 (till January 2023), these discoveries have contributed incremental oil & gas of around 0.30 Million Standard Cubic Meter

(MMSCM) gas and 1.56 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) oil. Total oil & gas production by OIL during the same period stood at 12.43 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) oil and 11.35 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) gas.

The details of drilling activity carried out in Assam during last three years are given below:

FY	No of exploratory wells drilled in Assam	Area	No of Development wells drilled in Assam	Area
2019-20	4	West Lohali, Nadua, Deohal, Moran	14	Hapjan, Makum, Balimara, Baghjan, Berekuri, Naharkatiya, Lakwagaon, South Tinali
2020-21	11	Balimara, Dinjan, Borbhuibil, Lakwagaon, Baruya, Dhakuwal, Samdang, Moran, Mahakali	12	Baghjan, Lakwagaon, Jorajan, Naharkatiya, Berekuri, Hapjan, Kusijan, South Tinali
2021-22	8	Hapjan, Captain Chuk, Makum, Borhapjan, Khagorijan, South Baghjan, Matimekhana	16	Hapjan, Kusijan, Naharkatiya, Baghjan, Balimara, Lakwagaon, Matimekhana, Borhapjan
