

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1280
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th JULY 2023

Oil and Gas Exploration

1280 . SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

पेट्रोलियम व 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 details of 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 made so far along with the indications received for future?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND 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 8 discoveries in last five financial years i.e. from 2018-19 to 2022-23. Out of 8 discoveries, 6 discoveries (Sesabil, Dhakuwal-1, West Lohali-1, Dinjan-1, Samdang-5 and Borhapan-8) are in Assam and 2 discoveries (Thanelanka-1 and Yedurulanka-1) are in Andhra Pradesh.

During the Financial Years 2020-21 to 2022-23, these discoveries have contributed incremental crude oil production of around 0.21 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) and gas production of 0.54 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM). During the Financial Years 2020-21 to 2022-23, the total oil and

gas production by OIL (including OIL's share of Joint Venture) stood at 9.15 MMT and 8.867 BCM respectively.

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

Fiscal Year	Number of wells drilled	Places drilled
2020-21	21	Borhuibil, Balimara, Dhakual, Lakwagaon, Batuya, Mahakali, Samdang, Moran, Hapjan, Jorajan, Naharkatiya, Barekuri, Kusijan & South Tinali
2021-22	23	Captain Chuk, Makum, Borhapjan, Khagorijan, South Baghjan, Matimekhena, Naharkatiya, Balimara, Hapjan, Baghjan, Kusijan & Lakwagaon
2022-23	28	South Baghjan, Dholiya, North Baliyan, Balimara, Dinjan, Sesabil, Khagorijan, Sadiya, South Tinali, Baghjan, Naharkatiya, Lakwagaon, Makum & Hapjan
