

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 129**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

**Hydrocarbon Exploration**

**129. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of the works done for Hydrocarbon Exploration during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent for Hydrocarbon Exploration during the last three years, State/year-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in release of the allocated funds and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of work done for Hydrocarbon Exploration in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plans/proposals/ongoing projects for Hydrocarbon Exploration and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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(श्रीरामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a) to (c): Hydrocarbon exploration is a continuous activity that *inter-alia* comprises seismic data acquisition, processing, interpretation, well drilling and other exploration activities (like Airborne Gravity Gradiometry, etc.). The survey projects which were funded by the Government of India and fund utilized for the same are annexed as **Annexure**. There has been no delay in releasing the funds.

(d): Under the National Seismic Programme, 9696.25-line kilometers (LKM) of 2D Seismic Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation (API) data has been acquired in the State of Maharashtra. One Block with part area of 1552.94 Sq. KM falling in the State of Maharashtra has been allocated to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC).

(e): Hydrocarbon exploration is a continuous process. Government has awarded several blocks in various States in which exploratory activities such as seismic data acquisition, processing, interpretation and drilling of exploratory wells are being undertaken.

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Annexure

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION.**

<b>SL.NO</b>	<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>FUND ALLOCATED / RELEASED</b>	<b>FUND SPENT</b>	<b>YEAR WISE EXPENDITURE (LAST THREE YEARS)</b>
1	National Seismic Programme (NSP)	Rs.2852 Crores for the entire project	Rs. 1942 Crores	FY: 2020–2021: Rs.69.21 Crores FY: 2021–2022: Rs.62.96 Crores FY: 2022–2023: Rs.8.98 Crores
2	Deep Andaman Offshore project	Rs.200 Crores	Rs.172 Crores	FY: 2021–2022: Rs.88.90 Crores FY: 2022–2023: Rs.83.10 Crores
3	Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) Survey (Offshore)	Rs.768 Crores	Rs.279 crores	FY: 2022 – 2023: Rs.279 Crores
4	Airborne Gravity and Gradiometry (AGG) Survey	Rs.80 Crores	Survey commenced on 27.05.2023.	