

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20 March, 2025

Natural Gas Exploration in Kerala – Konkan Offshore Block

3225: Dr. M. P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

(a) Whether the preliminary examination conducted by Oil India Ltd. (OIL) in 2020 in the Kerala – Konkan offshore block that lies in the shallow waters off the west coast of Kerala region had found any possibilities for natural gas exploration in the sea off the Kollam coast and if so, the details thereof; and,

(b) whether Oil India Ltd. (OIL) has entered into any tie-up with any firm for deep gas exploration in the region, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री

(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SURESH GOPI)

(a) One (1) block, namely, KK-OSHP-2018/1 measuring 3519.69 Square Kilometers was awarded to M/s. Oil India Limited during Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Bid Round-III in the Kerala-Konkan Basin. The Revenue Sharing Contract (RSC) in this regard was signed on 16.07.2019 and Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) for the Block was granted on 30.08.2019 by the Government.

Against the Committed Work Programme of 1017 Sq. KM in 3D Seismic API and 2 wells in the Block, OIL India Ltd., has conducted 1028 Sq. KM of 3D Seismic API and has identified one location for commencement of drilling activities.

(b) No.
