

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3412
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20 March, 2025

New Oil and Gas Exploration Projects in Gulf of Mannar Region

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the details of environmental clearances given to oil and gas exploration projects since 2014, State-wise;
- (b) whether the environmental clearances, financial allocations and award of contract completed in case of new oil and gas exploration blocks in the ecologically fragile Gulf of Mannar region, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the companies both Government and Private given contracts since 2014 to conduct such explorations with site details;
- (d) Whether any new oil and gas exploration projects given in the Cauvery Delta districts including Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency which covers three assembly constituencies in Thanjavur districts as well since 2024; and
- (e) if so, the details of such explorations cancelled since 2014 and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
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- (a) The State-wise details of environmental clearances given to oil and gas exploration projects since 2014 is attached as **Annexure I**.
- (b) & (c) Since 2014, No contract has been awarded to any operator in respect of exploration of any block falling in Gulf of Mannar.
- (d) No new oil and gas exploration projects have been undertaken in the Cauvery Delta Districts including Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency which covers three assembly constituencies in Thanjavur districts as well since 2024.
- (e) Two exploration blocks, namely CY-ONHP-2017/1 (Onland) and CY-ONHP-2018/2 (Onland) awarded to M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have been relinquished by the Operator due to non grant of Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) by the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

ANNEXURE I

Sl. No.	Proposal Number	Company	State
1.	IA/AP/IND2/102271/2013	M/S VEDANTA LIMITED(DIVISION CAIRN OIL & GAS)	Andhra Pradesh
2.	IA/AR/IND2/123232/2018	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	IA/AS/IND2/83554/2014	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
4.	IA/AS/IND2/63434/2017	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
5.	IA/AS/IND2/61229/2016	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
6.	IA/AS/IND2/92824/2007	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
7.	IA/AS/IND2/72322/2018	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
8.	IA/AS/IND3/185398/2008	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
9.	IA/AS/IND2/414841/2023	M/S VEDANTA LIMITED(DIVISION CAIRN OIL & GAS)	Assam
10.	IA/AS/IND2/71746/2017	OILMAX ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	Assam
11.	IA/AS/IND2/187643/2007	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
12.	IA/AS/IND2/212735/2007	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
13.	IA/AS/IND2/99149/2019	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
14.	IA/AS/IND2/71708/2017	OILMAX ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED	Assam
15.	IA/AS/IND2/56473/2016	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
16.	IA/AS/IND2/246799/2018	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
17.	IA/AS/IND2/75479/2018	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
18.	IA/AS/IND2/252318/2020	M/S INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
19.	IA/AS/IND2/75296/2018	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
20.	IA/AS/IND2/226998/2017	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
21.	IA/AS/IND2/31891/2014	HINDUSTAN OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY LTD	Assam
22.	IA/AS/IND2/248260/2016	OIL INDIA LIMITED	Assam
23.	IA/AS/IND2/423980/2023	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Assam
24.	IA/GJ/IND2/75954/2018	BHARAT PETRORESOURCES LTD.	Gujarat
25.	IA/GJ/IND2/64683/2017	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
26.	IA/GJ/IND2/83890/2018	M/S VEDANTA LIMITED(DIVISION CAIRN OIL & GAS)	Gujarat
27.	IA/GJ/IND2/197194/2017	GUJARAT STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD.	Gujarat
28.	IA/GJ/IND2/414546/2023	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
29.	IA/GJ/IND2/73049/2018	GUJARAT STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD.	Gujarat
30.	IA/GJ/IND2/71624/2017	MERCATOR PETROLEUM LIMITED	Gujarat
31.	IA/GJ/IND2/238854/2007	OILEX LTD	Gujarat
32.	IA/GJ/IND2/74678/2018	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
33.	IA/GJ/IND2/81450/2010	SUN PETROCHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	Gujarat

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34.	IA/GJ/IND2/60507/2016	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
35.	IA/GJ/IND2/221473/2019	GAIL INDIA LIMITED	Gujarat
36.	IA/GJ/IND2/151758/2011	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
37.	IA/GJ/IND2/69699/2017	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Gujarat
38.	IA/GJ/IND2/81587/2009	SUN PETROCHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED	Gujarat
39.	IA/GJ/IND2/150670/2020	JOSHI TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL INC - INDIA PROJECT	Gujarat
40.	IA/HP/IND2/72539/2018	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Himachal Pradesh
41.	IA/MP/IND2/110504/2017	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Madhya Pradesh
42.	IA/MH/IND2/73142/2018	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Maharashtra
43.	IA/MZ/IND2/79938/2014	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Mizoram
44.	IA/RJ/IND2/67524/2017	OIL INDIA LTD RAJASTHAN PROJECT	Rajasthan
45.	IA/RJ/IND2/99919/2019	M/S VEDANTA LIMITED(DIVISION CAIRN OIL & GAS)	Rajasthan
46.	IA/TR/IND/3403/2008	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Tripura
47.	IA/TR/IND2/210752/2007	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Tripura
48.	IA/TR/IND2/134348/2019	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	Tripura
49.	IA/WB/IND2/407038/2022	OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED	West Bengal

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