

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd April, 2025

Survey for Exploration of Oil and Natural Gas

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पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for the exploration of oil and natural gas in Kosi-Saptakoshi, Gandak, Mahananda, Kamla Balan, Ganga rivers flowing in North Bihar and the Terai Region of Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government has been deliberating upon a action plan for the exploration of oil and natural gas in the said rivers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (c): India's Oil and Natural Gas reserves are categorized into Sedimentary basins. Kosi-Saptakoshi, Gandak, Mahananda, Kamla Balan, Ganga rivers form part of Ganga Punjab sedimentary basin. Government had acquired 766 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2-Dimensional (2D) Seismic Data pertaining to the Ganga Punjab basin during 2017-2021. In addition, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has so far acquired 1431.56 LKM of 2 D seismic data in Terai Region in Bihar and has also acquired 524.765 LKM 2D seismic data and 404.33 Square Kilometer (SKM) 3-Dimensional (3D) seismic data in North Bihar region. Government has awarded two blocks GV-ONHP-2021/1 and GV-ONHP-2021/2 in 2022 with an area of 308.32 sq km and 302.57 sq km. respectively in Ganga Punjab basin out of which 308.32 sq km and 52.13 sq km respectively are in the state of Bihar.
