

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06 FEBRUARY, 2025

Offshore Oil Exploration in Kerala Konkan Block

670: Adv. Adoor Prakash

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether Oil India Limited has been awarded offshore oil exploration rights of the Kerala-Konkan Block and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Oil India Limited has signed a contract for oil exploration off the Kollam coast, Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the present status of the exploration plan and the time by which the exploration drilling would start; and
- (d) whether there is a plan for oil exploration in any other places along the Kerala coast and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री सुरेश गोपी)

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

(a) to (d): One (1) block, namely, KK-OSHP-2018/1 admeasuring 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.

The status of Committed Work Programme vs Actual Work done till December 2024 is as follows: -

Block	Operator	Committed Work Programme		Actual Work Done	
		3D Seismic API Square Kilometers(SKM)	Wells	3D Seismic API (SKM)	Wells
KK-OSHP-2018/1	Oil India Limited	1017	2	1,028	0*

*: One location has been identified for commencement of drilling activities in Q2 of FY 2025-26

Recently under OALP Round-VIII, the Government has awarded two blocks namely, KK-OSHP-2022/1 (Shallow Offshore Block) measuring 6717.56 Sq Km and KK-DWHP-2022/1 (Deep Water Offshore Block) measuring 1112.71 Sq. Km, in the Kerala-Konkan sedimentary basin to M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) for exploration of hydrocarbons. The Government has also granted the PEL for both the blocks on 25.01.2024.
