

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st August, 2025

OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION IN KERALA COAST

4635. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the present status of offshore oil exploration in the Kerala-Konkan area;
- (b) whether Oil India Limited (OIL) has signed a contract for oil exploration on the Kerala coast; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which exploration drilling is likely to be started?

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 (c): A total of three offshore blocks have been awarded for oil exploration in Kerala-Konkan Basin. One (1) block, namely, KK-OSHP-2018/1, was awarded to M/s. Oil India Limited (OIL) during Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) Bid Round-III and two (2) blocks, namely, KK-OSHP-2022/1 (Shallow Offshore Block) and KK-DWHP-2022/1 (Deep Water Offshore Block) to M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) under OALP Round-VIII. All three OALP blocks are presently active.

As regards block KK-OSHP-2018/1, awarded to M/s. OIL, the 3-dimensional (3D) seismic survey of 1,028 sq.km. has been completed. One location (Loc.OKKA) has been released for exploratory drilling.
