

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4532
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2026

ONGOING OIL EXPLORATION PROJECTS

4532. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

- (a) the present status of the ongoing oil exploration projects in the country, State/UT-wise along with the details of blocks awarded, discoveries made and the plans for their commercial exploitation;
- (b) whether exploration drilling has been started in the blocks awarded along the Kerala coast; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Hydrocarbon Exploration, which includes Oil and Gas Exploration, projects are implemented by entities, both public and private, as per the contractual agreement with the Government. The Government had launched Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP) in 2016. Under HELP, 09 Open Acreages Licensing Policy (OALP) Bid Rounds have been completed so far. Under these rounds, a total of 172 blocks have been awarded to the successful bidders through International Competitive Bidding. The details of the ongoing oil exploration projects in the country, State/UT wise are placed as **Annexure I**. Total 59 discoveries have been made since 2020-21 in these blocks. The details of discoveries made since 2020-21 are placed as **Annexure II**. The production timelines are contingent upon Field Development Plans (FDP) of the respective discoveries. Till date, FDP is received only for Jaya Discovery and the discovery is currently under production.

(b) & (c): One exploratory well (Kollam-1) was spudded on 29.11.2025 in block KK-OSHP-2018/1 awarded under OALP bid round-III in Kerala offshore.

ANNEXURE I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4532 for 19.03.2026 asked by ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH regarding ONGOING OIL EXPLORATION PROJECTS.

State	OALP	
	Block	Year of Award
Andhra Pradesh	KG-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	KG-ONHP-2018/2	2019
	CD-ONHP-2020/1	2022
Assam	AA-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	AA-ONHP-2018/3	2019
	AA-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	AA-ONHP-2019/2	2020
	AS-ONHP-2021/1	2022
	AS-ONHP-2021/2	2022
	AS-ONHP-2021/3	2022
Meghalaya	AS-ONHP-2022/1	2024
	AS-ONHP-2022/2	2025
Bihar	AS-ONHP-2022/3	2025
	GV-ONHP-2021/1	2022
Gujarat	GV-ONHP-2021/2	2022
	CB-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	CB-ONHP-2018/2	2019
	CB-ONHP-2018/3	2019
	CB-ONHP-2018/4	2019
	CB-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	CB-ONHP-2019/2	2020
Gujarat	GK-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	CB-ONHP-2020/1	2022
	CB-ONHP-2021/1	2022
	CB-ONHP-2021/2	2022
	GK-ONHP-2021/1	2022
	GS-ONHP-2021/1	2022
	CB-ONHP-2022/1	2024
	CB-ONHP-2022/2	2025
CB-ONHP-2023/1	2025	

State	OALP	
	Block	Year of Award
	CB-ONHP-2023/2	2025
	CB-ONHP-2023/3	2025
	GS-ONHP-2023/1	2025
	GS-ONHP-2023/2	2025
	GS-ONHP-2023/3	2025
	GS-ONHP-2023/3	2025
Madhya Pradesh	VN-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	VN-ONHP-2019/2	2020
	VN-ONHP-2019/3	2020
	VN-ONHP-2019/4	2020
	VN-ONHP-2019/5	2020
	SR-ONHP-2021/1	2022
Maharashtra	NM-ONHP-2020/1	2022
Nagaland	AA-ONHP-2018/2	2019
Odisha	MN-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	MN-ONHP-2018/2	2019
	MN-ONHP-2018/3	2019
	MN-ONHP-2018/4	2019
	MN-ONHP-2018/5	2019
Rajasthan	RJ-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	RJ-ONHP-2018/2	2019
	RJ-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	RJ-ONHP-2019/2	2020
	RJ-ONHP-2019/3	2020
	RJ-ONHP-2021/1	2022
Tamil Nadu	CY-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	CY-ONHP-2018/2	2019
Tamil Nadu	CY-ONHP-2018/3	2019
Tripura	AA-ONHP-2018/4	2019
	AA-ONHP-2018/5	2019
	AA-ONHP-2020/1	2022
	AA-ONHP-2020/2	2022
	AA-ONHP-2020/3	2022
	AA-ONHP-2021/1	2022
	AA-ONHP-2021/2	2022
West Bengal	BP-ONHP-2018/1	2019
	BP-ONHP-2019/1	2020
	BP-ONHP-2019/2	2020
	BP-ONHP-2021/1	2022
Offshore	AN-OSHP-2018/1	2019
	AN-OSHP-2018/2	2019

State	OALP		
	Block	Year of Award	
State	GK-OSHP-2018/1	2019	
	GK-OSHP-2018/2	2019	
	KG-UDWHP-2018/1	2019	
	MN-OSHP-2018/1	2019	
	KK-OSHP-2018/1	2019	
	MB-OSHP-2018/1	2019	
	MB-OSHP-2018/2	2019	
	MN-DWHP-2018/1	2019	
	CY-UDWHP-2019/1	2020	
	GS-OSHP-2019/1	2020	
	MB-OSHP-2019/1	2020	
	MB-OSHP-2020/1	2022	
	MB-OSHP-2020/2	2022	
	AN-UDWHP-2020/1	2022	
	Offshore	AN-UDWHP-2020/2	2022
		CB-OSHP-2021/1	2022
		MB-OSHP-2021/1	2022
CB-OSHP-2021/2		2022	
CY-UDWHP-2021/1		2022	
CB-OSHP-2021/3		2022	
KG-UDWHP-2022/1		2024	
MB-OSHP-2022/1		2024	
GK-OSHP-2022/1		2024	
GS-DWHP-2022/1		2024	
MN-UDWHP-2022/1		2024	
BP-OSHP-2022/1		2024	
KK-DWHP-2022/1		2024	
KK-OSHP-2022/1		2024	
CY-UDWHP-2022/1		2025	
CY-UDWHP-2022/2		2025	
CY-UDWHP-2022/3		2025	
GS-OSHP-2022/1		2025	
GS-OSHP-2022/2		2025	
GK-OSHP-2023/1		2025	
CY-UDWHP-2023/1		2025	
GS-UDWHP-2023/1		2025	
Offshore		GS-UDWHP-2023/2	2025
	GS-OSHP-2023/1	2025	
	MB-OSHP-2023/1	2025	
	CB-OSHP-2023/1	2025	

State	OALP	
	Block	Year of Award
	MB-OSHP-2023/2	2025
	CB-OSHP-2023/2	2025
	MN-UDWHP-2023/1	2025
	MN-UDWHP-2023/2	2025
	KG-UDWHP-2023/1	2025
	KG-UDWHP-2023/2	2025
	MN-UDWHP-2023/3	2025

ANNEXURE II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4532 for 19.03.2026 asked by ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH regarding major ONGOING OIL EXPLORATION PROJECTS.

State wise list of Discoveries 2020-21 onwards

Sr. No.	Name of Discovery	Operator	Year	State	Nature
1	KW2-Updip-1	Vedanta	2020-21	Rajasthan	Oil
2	KGD982NA-CHN-B#1 (AA)	ONGC	2020-21	offshore	Gas
3	AWEL-A-1	AWEL	2020-21	offshore	Gas
4	Dinjan-1	OIL	2020-21	Assam	Gas
5	Kunjban-13 (KUDD)	ONGC	2020-21	Tripura	Gas
6	Kavitam South-1 (KTAC)	ONGC	2020-21	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
7	Sundulbari-16 (SDAP)	ONGC	2020-21	Tripura	Gas
8	BS-17-1 (BS-17-A)	ONGC	2020-21	offshore	Oil & Gas
9	B-126N-1 (B-126N-A)	ONGC	2020-21	offshore	Oil & Gas
10	GK-28-14 (GK-28-P)	ONGC	2020-21	offshore	Gas
11	WO-5-13 (WO-5-I)	ONGC	2020-21	offshore	Oil & Gas
12	Borhapan-8	OIL	2021-22	Assam	Oil
13	Samdang-5	OIL	2021-22	Assam	Gas
14	Jaya-1	Vedanta	2021-22	Gujarat	Gas
15	Durga-1	Vedanta	2021-22	Rajasthan	Oil
16	Mohini-1	Pan India	2021-22	Gujarat	Oil
17	South Velpuru-2 (SVLAB)	ONGC	2021-22	Andhra Pradesh	Oil
18	Gopawaram Deep-1 (GMD-AA)	ONGC	2021-22	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
19	VGN-1 (VGN-A)	ONGC	2021-22	offshore	Oil & Gas
20	SD-4-4 (SD-4-D)	ONGC	2021-22	offshore	Oil & Gas
21	FB-1	Vedanta	2022-23	Gujarat	Oil
22	RE-7	Vedanta	2022-23	offshore	Oil
23	Kankpul-1(K-WB-C)	ONGC	2022-23	West Bengal	Gas
24	RF-10	Vedanta	2022-23	offshore	Oil
25	MBS171HAA-1	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Gas
26	Mandapeta-60	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Gas
27	Malleswaram-22	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Gas
28	Kesanapalli West Deep-7	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Oil & Gas
29	Karugorumilli-1	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Gas
30	GS-15-22(AU)	ONGC	2022-23	offshore	Gas
31	Hatipoti-1	ONGC	2022-23	Assam	Oil & Gas
32	Sesabill-1	OIL	2022-23	Assam	Oil
33	MBS182HDA-1 (Moonga)	ONGC	2023-24	offshore	Oil

34	MBS181HCA-1 (Moti)	ONGC	2023-24	offshore	Oil & Gas
35	Pukhraj (ST-6)	ONGC	2023-24	offshore	Oil & Gas
36	Gopavaram-21 (GMDL)	ONGC	2023-24	Andhra Pradesh	Oil
37	South Mahadevapatnam-2	ONGC	2023-24	Andhra Pradesh	Gas
38	Chitbari-1 (GOAI_Sub)	ONGC	2023-24	Assam	Gas
39	Talamura-3 (TMAB)	ONGC	2023-24	Tripura	Gas
40	East Lakhbari-6 (ELDA)	ONGC	2023-24	Assam	Oil
41	MDW-27 (Utkal)	ONGC	2023-24	offshore	Gas
42	West Amod#1	ONGC	2023-24	Gujarat	Oil
43	MDW-26 (Konark)	ONGC	2023-24	offshore	Gas
44	South Baghjan-10	OIL	2023-24	Assam	Oil
45	RANAGHAT	ONGC	2024-25	West Bengal	Gas
46	PURN-1	ONGC	2024-25	Gujarat	Oil
47	MBS191HDA-1 (Neelmani)	ONGC	2024-25	offshore	Gas
48	CHOLA-1	ONGC	2024-25	offshore	Gas
49	Rudra	Vedanta	2024-25	Assam	Oil
50	West Matar-2 (MRAX)	ONGC	2024-25	Gujarat	Oil & Gas
51	Chandramani (B-56-2)	ONGC	2024-25	offshore	Gas
52	Yandapalli-1 (YPAA)	ONGC	2024-25	Andhra Pradesh	Oil & Gas
53	Mechaki-6	OIL	2024-25	Assam	Oil
54	Mechaki-7	OIL	2024-25	Assam	Gas
55	Vajramani (MBS202HAA-1)	ONGC	2025-26	Offshore	Oil & Gas
56	Suryamani, Object-I (MBS202HAA-1)	ONGC	2025-26	Offshore	Oil
57	Suryamani, Object-II (MBS202HAA-1)	ONGC	2025-26	Offshore	Oil
58	NRB-2 (NOAB)	OIL	2025-26	Offshore	Oil
59	MBS191HCA-1	ONGC	2025-26	Offshore	Gas