

(e) No such specific promise for new allocation was made by the Government, however, from 2004, 0.9 MMSCMD of R-LNG is being supplied by GAIL to power customers in Gujarat.

Foreign Companies in Oil Exploration

†104. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign companies are being invited for exploration of oil and gas from our wells;

(b) the names of companies which are showing interest in oil exploration; and

(c) the areas identified for the said exploration?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. With a view to attracting larger investments for accelerating efforts to explore and exploit the hydrocarbon reserves in the 26 sedimentary basins of the country, covering onland and offshore areas, the Government have been inviting bids from private companies including foreign companies on a regular basis since 1991. To give further impetus to exploration efforts, Government in 1997, formulated a New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), which provides equal opportunity to foreign companies and Indian companies (both public sector undertakings and private companies) to bid for exploration acreages.

Since, 1991 Government have signed Production Sharing Contracts in respect of 117 exploration blocks situated onland, offshore and in the deep water areas of the country.

The Government of India in January, 2005 offered 20 blocks (6 deepwater, 2 shallow water and 12 onland blocks) under the fifth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V). These blocks fall in Kerala Konkan offshore, Mahanadi offshore, Krishna-Godavari offshore, Gulf of Cambay, Saurashtra offshore, Andaman-Nicobar, and onland in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

As on the 24th February, 2005, the 69 companies which have seen data at data centers or seen data online or have booked data rooms for data viewing for NELP-V blocks are listed at the statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of companies which have viewed/booked for viewing NELP-V data at Data Centres/Online viewing as on 24th February, 2005

Sl. No.	Company Name
1	Al-Thani
2	Anadarko
3	Atlantic Energy
4	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. (BPCL)
5	BHP Billiton
6	BP Exploration
7	BG
8	Burren Energy
9	Cairn Energy Pic.
10	Canoro Resources
11	CBM Solution
12	Crescent Petroleum
13	Dragon Oil
14	Eni S.p.A.
15	EOG Resources
16	Essar Oil Ltd.
17	Everest Energy Corpn.
18	Exxon Mobil
19	First West Petroleum
20	Foresight
21	GAIL India Ltd.
22	Geoglobal Resources
23	GeoPetrol International
24	Gujarat State Petroleum Corpn. (GSPC)
25	Hardy Expln. & Prodn. (India)
26	Hindustan Oil Expln. (HOEC)
27	Houston Geological Society
28	Hunt Oil
29	Husky Energy
30	Hydro Oil & Gas
31	Indian Oil Corpn. (IOC)
32	Joshi Technologies Inc. (JTI)
33	Jubilant Enpro

Sl. No.	Company Name
34	KUFPEC
35	Marathon Oil
36	Merlin Energy
37	Murphy E&P Co.
38	National Thermal Power Corpn. (NTPC)
39	Niko Resources
40	Norwest Energy NL
41	Oil & Natural Gas Corpn. (ONGC)
42	Oil India Ltd. (OIL)
43	Oil Search
44	Omimex Resources
45	OMV Expln. & Prodn.
46	Orient Petroleum
47	Paladin Resources
48	Petrobras
49	Petronas Carigali
50	Pexco (Asia West) NV
51	Premier Oil
52	Providence Resources
53	Reliance Industries
54	Rupsa Petroleum
55	Santos
56	Selan Expln. Inc.
57	Shell
58	Sherritt International Corpn.
59	SNL Enterprises
60	Statoil
61	Stratic Energy Corpn.
62	Sunwing Energy
63	Talisman Energy
64	Tata Petrodyne
65	TOTAL
66	Tradewinds Oil & Gas Inc.
67	Transworld Expln. & Prodn.
68	Tullow
69	Zarubezhneft