

State/UT	Figure (in Nos)
Meghalaya	5
Mizoram	0
Nagaland	0
Odisha	33
Sikkim	0
Tripura	2
West Bengal	75
Chhattisgarh	39
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0
Daman and Diu	0
Goa	4
Gujarat	88
Madhya Pradesh	178
Maharashtra	184
Andhra Pradesh	140
Karnataka	144
Kerala	67
Lakshadweep	0
Puducherry	1
Tamil Nadu	92
Telangana	56
ALL INDIA	2300

#### **Increase in domestic oil production**

1237. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after allowing 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in

exploration and production sector, any substantial increase has been achieved in domestic oil production in the economy;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% in exploration and production sector was allowed by the Government under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) since February, 1999. Nine bidding rounds have so far been concluded under NELP, in which production sharing contracts for 254 exploration blocks have been signed. Forty exploration blocks were awarded to Foreign Companies (Operators) under NELP. Rest of the blocks were awarded to Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) and Indian Private Companies. At present 71 hydrocarbon Exploration Blocks in the country are operational. Oil and Gas production has commenced from 19 discoveries (12 oil and 7 Gas) from 11 Hydrocarbon Exploration Blocks. At present 37 discoveries in 12 blocks are under development. Other discoveries are in various stages of evaluation/appraisal. Gas production from NELP blocks commenced in the year 2004-05 and Oil production from NELP blocks commenced in the year 2007-08.

At present, contribution of Oil and Gas Production from NELP Blocks to country's oil production is 0.69% and 7.6 % respectively. Oil and Gas production from NELP blocks peaked in the year 2011-12. The contribution of Oil and Gas Production from NELP Blocks during 2011-12 was 2.95 % and 39.18 % respectively.

Major reasons for small contribution in oil and gas production from NELP Blocks are:—

- (1) Sharp gas production decline in KG-DWN-98/3 Block.
- (2) Well completion issues in KG-OSN-2001/3 Block.
- (3) Small size of Discoveries.
- (4) Discoveries not pursued/Relinquished by the Operator.
- (5) Delay in Monetization of Discoveries by Operator.

- (6) Relinquishment of Blocks by Operator without completing Minimum Work Programme (MWP).
- (7) Non-grant of Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) by State Government.
- (8) Lack of/Delay in Environmental Clearance (EC) by State/Central Government.
- (9) Lack of / Delay in statutory /other clearances.
- (10) Inter-State Border Disputes.
- (11) Logistical Constraints in North-East Areas.

**100 per cent LPG coverage in domestic sector**

1238. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more and more LPG connections are being released daily under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and under the general category in the domestic sector to achieve 100 per cent LPG coverage to every households in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of LPG connections being released daily under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the general category;
- (c) whether Government has set any time-frame to achieve 100 per cent LPG coverage in domestic sector; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Oil Marketing Companies have released 3.31 crore new LPG connections during Financial Year 2016-17 including 1.98 crore connections released under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).

(c) and (d) After implementation of PMUY Scheme, the national coverage of LPG has increased and is estimated to have crossed 75 % as on 01.07.2017 against 61.3 % as on 01.01.2016.