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To,

Shri Pramod Thomas,
Senior Reporter,
The New Indian Express,
Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala – 17

Sir,

With reference to your application dated 06.11.2014, received on 24.11.2014, seeking information under RTI Act 2005, information / reply on para 1, 2 & 3 as received from concerned section, Mumbai is enclosed (01 page).

However, in case you are not satisfied, you may prefer first appeal to the Appellate Authority within 30 days, at the following address:

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Thanking you

Yours faithfully,


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No. MR/WOB/KK/RTI/ Nov/2014

Dated: 01/12/2014

To:
GM-Head BMG, Priyadarshini

Subject: Information regarding Oil exploration projects carried out at Kochi coast

Ref. No. MR/RTI/(2)/2014, dated 25.11.2014 from Mr. Pramod Thomas, Senior Reporter, The New Delhi Indian Express, Kaloor, Kochi

Point wise information is being provided below

Oil and natural Gas Corporation Ltd., the Public Sector National Oil Company, is in the pursuit of exploration for Hydrocarbons in the areas off the west coast of India for over 30 years. ONGC was successful in garnering five exploratory blocks under NELP regime, two shallow water and three Deep water blocks in Cochin area.

1. About 13600 lkm 2D and 4700 Sq.kms of 3D seismic data has been acquired in different campaigns in this area. Eight Exploratory wells, three wells in Deep water and five wells in shallow water shelf have been drilled so far in this area.

Total cost incurred in drilling of those eight wells is approximately Rs 1495 Crore

2. No commercial discoveries made from these efforts, last well was drilled in March 2014 and no hydrocarbons found in the well
3. Last exploration block was relinquished in July 2014. ONGC will review exploration outcome during last three decades and decide if any future ventures in this area