

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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GAS HYDRATES IN ANDAMAN DEEP SEA
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

(a). whether some oil exploration agencies have conducted an elaborate seismic survey of Bay of Bengal in about 12000 square Kilometer area and found gas hydrates in Andaman deep sea; and

(b). if so, the details alongwith the reasons for delaying the implementation of the project; if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b). Physical presence of gas hydrate in Volcanic ash was discovered in the location Site 17 in Deep Sea Offshore Andaman under the National Gas Hydrate Programme (NGHP) expedition 01. The location was identified based on the already existing seismic data obtained for exploration of conventional hydrocarbons. No seismic acquisition was done specifically for Gas Hydrate. There is no delay in implementation of NGHP.