

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1658  
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SUBMERGENCE OF KRISHNA- GODAVARI DELTAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) Whether Krishna and Godavari deltas are likely to be submerged into sea because of gas and oil exploration;
- (b) If so, the facts thereof;
- (c) The report of the Ministry of Environment and Forest on land subsidence and total land covered there under; and
- (d) The other preventive steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b): There has been no case of land subsidence due to gas and oil exploration in the Krishna and Godavari deltas.
- (c) & (d): The oil and gas exploration projects are covered under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2006 and need prior environmental clearance. During environmental appraisal process, evaluation of oil and gas exploration proposals is undertaken by the Expert Appraisal Committee. There is no such observation made by the Expert Appraisal Committee on subsidence.