

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

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

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has decided to explore avenues to wrench a share out of solar and nuclear power sectors;
- (b) if so, whether the company is likely to end dependence of nation on other countries for nuclear needs and have signed MoU with Uranium Corporation of India to venture into nuclear energy sector;
- (c) if so, whether ONGC is also in touch with major foreign solar energy countries to tap solar power in big way; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has decided to explore other avenues for sourcing energy including Solar and Nuclear power. ONGC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL) to explore and exploit Uranium in India and abroad.
- (c) and (d) ONGC is in touch with many companies having different approaches and technologies for exploiting the solar energy including erecting a solar farm (Photo Voltaic) of 10 Mega Watt (MW) and use of Solar Thermal and Solar Chimney technologies etc.