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DELAY IN EXPLORATION WORK IN BARMER SANCHOR BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of places where petroleum reserves have been found but there has been delay in exploration thereof, State-wise, location-wise;
- (b) whether despite find of petroleum reserves in Barmer Sanchor basin long back but the exploration work has not been started so far;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether delay in exploration of petroleum reserves is causing heavy losses to the Government.
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government for ensuring timely exploration thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no delay in exploitation or production in places where commercial hydrocarbon/petroleum reserves have been established.
- (b) and (c) Block RJ-ON-90/1, in Barmer Sanchor basin, is in development phase of discoveries and commercial production is likely to commence this year.
- (d) to (f) Does not arise.