

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

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SURVEY WORK IN SARASWATI RIVER BASIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any project for approval from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation for a fresh survey of the probable basin of Saraswati River which has disappeared;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to give its approval to the project?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. However, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has taken up Project Saraswati under Corporate Social responsibility programme with the objective of establishing ground water potential along with paleo- Saraswati channels.