

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

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EXPLORATION OF NATURAL GAS IN KANGRA, H.P.

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the work of exploration of combustible gas in the volcanic region of the district of Kangra in Himachal Pradesh is going on for the last several years and there have been indication of the emission of gas on large scale recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the production of gas is likely to be started at the said place from commercial point of view?

**Answer**

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

(a)to (c) Recently gas seepage has been reported from Pong Dam near Kangra area which was investigated by ONGC and found to be of biogenic origin and not the thermal hydrocarbon gas.

In the nomination PEL operated by ONGC in the Kangra-Mandi area of Himachal Pradesh, low pressure gas pools were observed during drilling of wells. However, the gas was not of commercial quantity.