

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

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RESERVE OF SHALE OIL  
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) the details of shale gas bed available in the country as on date;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted or proposes to conduct to find out the more shale gas reserves;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any joint venture in the exploration of shale gas bed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the exploration work is likely to be completed and operations to be started for making the use of the reserves?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f). An assessment of shale gas resources in the country is being made. Further, Government has initiated steps for formulation of suitable policy for exploration of shale gas resources in the country. The methodologies for award of blocks for shale gas exploration and exploitation will depend on the terms of the Shale Gas Policy approved by the Government.

In view of above, no specific time frame for exploration and exploitation of shale gas in the country can be indicated at this stage.