

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

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

(a) whether the Government is likely to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. in the area of technology related of extraction of Shale Gas during the forthcoming visit of President Barack Obama to India;and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. During the visit of the President of the United States of America (USA) to India, Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of USA on Shale Gas Resources. Under the MOU, both the countries would cooperate in the following areas of Shale Gas development:

# Shale Gas Resource assessment in India.

# Technical studies on Shale Gas exploration in India.

# Share best practices on establishing a regulatory framework and safeguard measures for the sustainable development of Shale Gas.

# Promoting sustainable domestic and foreign investment in Shale Gas development.