

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

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

- (a) whether Oil India Ltd. plans to go for acquisition of shale gas in the United States of America, Poland and Australia ;
- (b) if so, the Oil India Ltd has entered into tie up shale gas firms in these countries ;
- (c) if so, the allocation of funds for this venture ; and
- (d) the time by which this tie up is expected to be materialize ?

Answer

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

- (a). At present, Oil India Limited (OIL) is not pursuing acquisition of shale gas acreages in the United States of America, Poland and Australia.
- (b) to (d). Do not arise in view of (a) above.