

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

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SHALE GAS RESERVES
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) the estimates of Shale Gas reserves in the country, location- wise;
- (b) whether the Government has framed any policy for efficient Shale Gas exploration;
- (c) whether the Coal India Ltd. has expressed in the exploration and marketing of shale gas;
- (d) the current production of Shale gas in the country; and
- (e) the targets envisaged in 11th Plan and the level of achievement with regard to the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI R.P.N.SINGH)

- (a) & (b). Government has initiated action to identify potentially prospective areas of Shale Gas resources as well as to formulate a policy for its exploration and exploitation. The Shale Gas reserves in the country have not yet been estimated.
- (c) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has not received any proposal from Coal India Ltd. regarding their participation in exploration and marketing of Shale Gas.
- (d) & (e) At present, there is no production of Shale Gas in the country and no target for Shale Gas production has been set for the 11th plan period.