

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1211  
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RELOCATION OF MISSILE TEST RANGE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his Ministry has objected to the gas project of Andhra Pradesh in the Krishna-Godavari basin as the same comes under the missile test range;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal of alternative place for setting up of the missile test range;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures being taken to resolve the issue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Proposal by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to identify oil and gas exploration under New Exploration Licensing Policy-IX (NELP-IX) would interfere with the proposed long range missile launching facility in Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Issue is under discussion with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.