

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2695
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VIJAY KELKAR COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vijay Kelkar Committee Report has submitted its recommendations to the Government on the system for oil and gas exploration in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI):

(a) to (c) Dr. Vijay Kelkar Committee on Roadmap for Enhancing Domestic Oil & Gas Production and Sustainable Reduction in Import Dependency by 2030 was constituted by MoP&NG on 15.2.2013 and was expected to submit its report within six months. Subsequently, the Terms of Reference (ToRs) were expanded on 10.05.2013. The Committee was expected to give its recommendations within six months, i.e., by 10.11.2013. As recently reported by Dr. Vijay Kelkar Committee that a significant part of Terms of References (ToRs) and some other important issues are still to be deliberated by the Committee, and thus requested for further extension of its term till 30th June, 2014 to submit its final Report. The Committee has submitted the Part-1 of its Report containing recommendations on selected issues to the Government. The request of the Committee for said further extension is under consideration of MoP&NG.