

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

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SECURITY OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS INSTALLATIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to extend "safety zone" around the installations upto 5 nautical miles from the existing 500 metres to strengthen security of country's offshore oil and gas installations and prevent sabotage and terrorists attacks on them;
- (b) if so, whether the Home Ministry has submitted a draft proposal on India's security incorporating this aspect of declaring larger area around offshore installations a 'no vessel zone'; and
- (c) if so, whether the Cabinet has approved such proposal and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) The need to extend the safety zone around petroleum installations beyond 500 meters is under discussion with the concerned authorities (Coast Guard, Navy, OISD, ODAG etc.
- (b) No, Madam. There is no such proposal initiated by Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (c) In view of above, does not arise.