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EXTRACTION OF SHALE GAS

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

- (a) whether an assessment has been made about the presence of shale sediments in the country;
- (b) if so, the places where they are found; and
- (c) whether technology has been developed within the country for extraction of shale gas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) & (b) Shale is a form of sediment which exists in various basins of India. Government has initiated the process of identification of prospective areas and assessment of shale gas resources in the country.
- (c) Extraction technology for the shale gas involves drilling of horizontal wells along with well stimulation technique such as hydro-fracturing etc. These technologies are available in the country.