

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1420**  
ANSWERED ON- 13.03.2023

**INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON R&D IN NATURAL GAS SECTOR**

1420. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

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

(a) whether Government is planning for international collaborations to boost Research and Development (R&D) for the natural gas sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (b): Research and Development activities pertaining to oil and gas are primarily carried out by the oil and gas Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). Oil and gas PSUs collaborate with international organizations, from time to time, to boost R&D in the sector. For instance, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has entered into MoUs with University of Calgary (UoC), Canada, University of South Wales, Australia, KAZAN Federal University (KFU), Russia and Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Skoltech), Moscow for collaborative R&D work in oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production.

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