

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2691
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th March, 2023

Extraction of Methane Hydrate

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the Government is making efforts for commercial extraction of methane hydrate deposits in Krishna-Godavari basin and Mahanadi Andaman basin which are reported to have the potential to make India an energy independent nation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b): Gas hydrate exploration in India is taken up under National Gas Hydrate Program (NGHP). Till date, two expeditions have been undertaken under NGHP to explore the presence of gas hydrates. Under the first programme, NGHP-01 undertaken in 2006, 39 holes were drilled at 21 sites in Krishna-Godavari (KG), Mahanadi, Andaman, and Kerala-Konkan Basin and under the second programme, NGHP-02, in 2015, 42 holes were drilled at 25 sites in KG and Mahanadi Basin.

(c): Does not arise in view of above.
