

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

**Extraction of Methane**

**282 SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & 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 has potential to make the country energy independent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**  
**(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir. Gas hydrate exploration in India is steered by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas under National Gas Hydrate Program (NGHP). Till date, two expeditions, the first in 2006 (NGHP-01) and the second in 2015 (NGHP-02) have been undertaken under National Gas Hydrate Program. Under NGHP-01, 39 holes were drilled to explore the presence of gas hydrate at 21 sites in Krishna-Godavari (KG), Mahanadi, Andaman, and Kerala-Konkan Basin. Under NGHP-02, 42 holes were drilled at 25 sites in KG and Mahanadi Basin.
- (c): Does not arise in view of above.

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