

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5519
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DECLINE IN WATER LEVEL IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ground water level has been depleting in North Gujarat due to deep digging of oil and gas wells by the Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC);
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Depleting ground water levels in North Gujarat cannot be attributed to deep digging of oil and gas wells since these wells are very deep (more than 1000 meters below ground level), fully cased with seamless steel pipes and fully cemented from top to bottom to avoid any influence on ground water regime.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.