

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPLORATION OF COAL BED METHANE .

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

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to induct a third partner in order to expedite the work related to exploration of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) block awarded in 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Government of Gujarat has written a letter to this Ministry suggesting to induct a third partner in order to expedite the work related to exploration of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in the block BS(3) - CBM-2003/II. However, no proposal has been received in terms of the contract.