

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

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EXPLORATION OF GAS AND OIL RESERVES IN KARNATAKA

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

- (a) whether gas and oil reserves have been explored in different districts of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details of the areas where survey work has been completed indicating the quantity of gas and oil reserves explored so far;
- (c) whether the Union Government has finalised any scheme for setting up of oil refinery in some areas of Karnataka;
- (d) if so, the areas identified for the purpose; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (b) There are no tertiary sedimentary basins in the State of Karnataka, which warrants oil and natural gas exploration. Therefore, no exploration blocks have been awarded in the State of Karnataka.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government of India for setting up of an oil refinery in the State of Karnataka. However, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals (MRPL) already has an oil refinery in Mangalore in Karnataka.