



NGRI signs 4 MoUs with DGH

DR V.P. Dimiri, Director, National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad, has signed several memoranda of understanding with the Director General, DGH, Dr V.K. Sibal on four major projects of national importance related to oil industry in the presence of the then Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Mani Shanker Aiyer, recently. Under the agreement NGRI will carry out: 2D seismic reflection survey along six regional profiles in Kutch on land basin, Gujarat at a cost of 1600 lakh; Marine seismic and magnetotelluric survey in Gulf of Kutch region (Rs 665 lakh); Magnetotelluric studies along two long traverses, Sihore to Akola and Indore to Jalgaon, Central India in Narmada-Tapti basin (Rs 60 lakh); and Analysis of aerial imagery/remote sensing data over Narmada



DR V.P. Dimiri, Director, NGRI, (left) and Dr V.K. Sibal, DG, DGH, (right) exchanging the MoU documents in the presence of Shri Mani Shanker Aiyer, the then Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas

Cambay/Deccan Syncline region in Central India (Rs 120 lakh).

In these surveys the state-of-the-art data acquisition systems coupled

with industry standard software will be used for data acquisition, processing and interpretation. Dr B. Rajendra prasad, Project Leader, CSS and Dr T. Harinarayana, Project Leader, MT, will co-ordinate the 23.5 crore project(s).

After signing the MoU, the DG has complemented NGRI and felt that NGRI, being a national institute with world class facilities under one roof should play a lead role by taking up more number of projects related to hydrocarbon exploration. Initiation of marine magnetotellurics, first time in the country, will go a long way to develop now such techniques in India.

Earlier the Minister laid the foundation stone for the proposed building to house Controlled Source Seismology and Gas Hydrate projects.



Shri Mani Shanker Aiyer, the then Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, unveiled the foundation stone plaque