

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN GAIL AND BOTAS PETROLEUM PIPELINE CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL and Turkey based Botas Petroleum Pipeline Corporation have signed an agreement for joint participation in cross country pipeline project and in other fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work is likely to be started on the agreed field between the two companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) and BOTAS, national oil and gas company of Turkey, have finalized and initialed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC). The MOC aims at evaluation and implementation of projects in the following areas:

(i) Possibility of development of CNG and residential infrastructure for retail gas marketing in Turkey, India and third countries.

(ii) Identification of CNG infrastructure requirement for the transport sector in Turkey and India covering the techno economic and marketing aspects etc.

(iii) Possibility of joint participation in cross country pipeline projects in Turkey, India and third countries.

(iv) Possibility of development of gas processing facilities in Turkey, India and third countries.

(v) O&M services.

(vi) Techno economic studies for underground gas storage.

(vii) Other natural gas sector opportunities in Turkey and India.

(viii) Exchange of experts and training of personnel.

(c) The MOC may be signed by the middle of the year 2003, following which joint teams would be constituted to evaluate various potential opportunities. The joint teams would present the assessment to respective managements and based on which the two companies would endeavour to identify projects which can be taken up for joint implementation. Separate project specific agreements would then be entered for such identified projects.