

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3308  
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004  
VIABILITY OF ASSAM GAS CRACKER PROJECT BY GAIL  
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR

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

- (a) whether the GAIL was asked to carry out a study and recommend the basis on which Assam Gas Cracker Project can be made viable;
- (b) if so, whether GAIL has submitted the report and if so, the suggestions/recommendations made;
- (c) whether the Union Government has discussed this matter with the Government of Assam and taken any decision;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is contemplating a change in the promoters of the projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. However, GAIL have not sent report/suggestions/recommendations in the matter so far.

(c) and (d): Chief Minister of Assam and officials of Government of Assam have been meeting the Central Ministers/Government officials to press for speedy implementation of the Assam Gas Cracker Project. Since a considerable amount of subsidy is involved in making the project viable, it has been suggested that in today's environment, the State Government may also consider identifying alternative proposals.