

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1701  
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000  
INDO-PAK GAS PIPELINE  
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether General Pervez Musharraf has stated recently that he is in favour of a joint India-Pakistan gas pipeline from Iran which could pass through Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Government has seen media reports indicating that Pakistan would not object to an overland gas pipeline to India through Pakistan as it would be economically beneficial for Pakistan. The proposal of a gas pipeline from Iran to India is a bilateral matter between India and Iran. A Joint Committee consisting of officials from India and Iran has been constituted to consider all aspects relating to the transfer of Iranian gas to India.