

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:669
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
INDIA-BANGLADESH-MYANMAR GAS PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether talks were held with Bangladesh in the recent past to bring gas pipeline from Myanmar to India.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any objection has been raised from some quarters in this regard; and;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 669 BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN AND SHRI NITISH KUMAR, MPs TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MAY, 2005 REGARDING INDIA-BANGLADESH-MYANMAR GAS PIPELINE.

(a) to (d) In January 2005, a delegation led by the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Panchayati Raj visited Myanmar to participate in a trilateral meeting of Oil Ministers of Myanmar, Bangladesh and India to discuss cooperation in hydrocarbon sector with Myanmar and import of natural gas through an onland pipeline via Bangladesh. A Joint Press statement was issued by the three Ministers on 13.1.2005, a copy of which is at Annex-I. Simultaneously, a Joint Press Statement was also issued by the Ministers of Bangladesh and India, a copy of which is at Annex-II. The three Ministers agreed to constitute a Techno-Commercial Working Committee to prepare an MoU for cooperation for implementation of Myanmar-Bangladesh-India Pipeline Project, to be signed by the three Governments. The draft MoU was prepared at the meeting of the Techno-Commercial Working Group in Yangon on 24-25 February,2005. The draft MoU is under examination of the Governments of the three countries.