

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

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EXTENSION OF INDO-IRAN GAS PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend Indo-Iran gas pipeline to China via Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether extension of this pipeline to China is likely to give to India a huge sum as transit fee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has prepared enough safeguards against disruptions, if any; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government for smooth flow of gas on its commissioning?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The proposal of Iran – Pakistan - India gas pipeline is at initial stages of discussion. The details of the project are yet to be finalized. There is no formal proposal at present to extend the pipeline to China via Myanmar, but the thought has been thrown up for public discussion.
- (c) & (d): The transit fee dimension of the concept is also open for public consideration.
- (e) & (f): Enough safeguards to ensure security of supplies would be built into the project if and when the details are formalized. Meanwhile, the security dimension also is open for public consideration.