

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

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EXTENSION OF INDO- IRAN GAS PIPELINE TO CHINA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any bilateral negotiation has been taken up between India and China on the issue of safety of Indo – Iran gas pipe line and extending it upto China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the advantages of extension of this gas pipe line project upto China; and
- (d) the assistance likely to be provided by China in implementation of the said project?

Answer

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

- (a): There is no formal proposal at present to extend the Iran – Pakistan- India natural gas pipeline to China, but the thought has been thrown up for public discussion. As such no bilateral negotiations have been held between India and China on this project.
- (b) to (d): Do not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.