

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

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INDO- RUSSIA COOPERATION IN PIPELINE PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated discussions with the Russian authorities on participation of Indian Oil and Gas Companies in six transnational oil and gas pipeline projects;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Indian petroleum companies are actively engaged in discussions with their counterparts in Russia for taking up projects in India, Russia and in third countries. However, so far no specific transnational pipeline project has been identified for participation.

During the visit of the Russian President, Mr. Vladimir Putin, to India in December, 2004, GAIL (India), Ltd signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Gas Company, Gazprom, which includes cooperation in pipeline projects in India, Russia and in third countries.