

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

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PRODUCTION OF SYNTHESIS GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GAIL in Cooperation with shell International is working up on a technology to produce synthesis gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the price of this gas would be lower than the LNG;
- (d) whether gasification of Coal reserves in eastern India shall open up a viable option for industries; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which it would reduce the oil import bill of the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) Yes, Sir. The proposal to synthesise gas from coal is at a preliminary stage of discussion between GAIL and M/s Shell International. Further details have not been worked out.