

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

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MYANMAR- INDIA GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

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

- (a) whether India and Myanmar are considering an alternative route of Myanmar-India gas pipeline due to negative response of Bangladesh on the gas pipeline project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): The Indian side is exploring various options of importing natural gas from Myanmar, including the option of an onland pipeline via north-eastern territory of India bypassing Bangladesh. GAIL has commissioned a detailed feasibility study to examine the possibility of laying the pipeline through the North-eastern part of India. The detailed feasibility report is expected to be completed by April, 2006, which would inter-alia address the issue of the likely expenditure on the project.