

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

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CO- OPERATION WITH CHINA IN PETROLEUM SECTOR

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

- (a) whether Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas has recently visited China and held discussions on energy co-operation;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether some of the Chinese firms have shown interest for co-operation in the petroleum sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the country would be benefited by such long term strategic co-operation?

Answer

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

(a) to (e):- The Minister had visited Shanghai, China to represent India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit. Agenda for the event covered a very wide spectrum of issues including energy related issues particular to the region. There were no discussions on any specific oil and gas projects.