

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3542
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GAS SUPPLY TO DABHOL POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is negotiating with five countries, including Qatar for supplying gas to the Dabhol power project;
- (b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which the project is likely to be benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have informed that Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) is discussing with Ras Gas of Qatar for supplying LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) for Dabhol Power Project on short terms basis. PLL and Gail (India) Limited are also discussing the issue of gas supplies to the project with other companies in different countries.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) : Commercial viability of Dabhol power project of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Ltd. is based on LNG as fuel and the commercial operations of the plant to its full rated capacity once LNG is available for the power blocks.