

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

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ROLE IN GLOBAL OIL AND GAS MARKET

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

(a) whether the United States has offered New Delhi a role in its efforts at framing a response to the volatility in the global oil and gas market, while pushing for up scaling the Government framework for cooperation in coal sector;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the response of the Union Government thereto ; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Department of Energy, United States of America (USA) has sought India's participation in the Committee on Global Oil and Gas constituted by National Petroleum Council to advise the Secretary of Energy, USA on oil and natural gas matters. While the primary focus is oil and natural gas, the study will also examine other energy (e.g., coal, nuclear and alternative fuels) and environmental issues. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Besides the above, the Indo-US Coal Working Group is actively pursuing various areas of cooperation in the Coal Sector.