

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2218
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STATUS OF IMPORTING LIQUID NATURAL GAS FROM IRAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for importing Liquid Natural Gas from Iran; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in January, 2003 between India and Islamic Republic of Iran for cooperation in the Hydrocarbon Sector. There is a proposal for importing 5 Million Metric Tons Per Annum (MMTPA) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Iran in exchange for a stake in a discovered oil field.