

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

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JOINT PIPELINE PROJECT BY INDIA, MYANMAR AND BANGLADESH

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

- (a) whether India, Myanmar and Bangladesh propose to start a gas pipeline project jointly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) and GAIL(India) Limited (GAIL) are partners with Daewoo International, South Korea and Kogas, in A-1 Block in Myanmar. They have struck gas in this block. The gas can be transported from Myanmar to India through on-land pipeline or offshore pipeline, subject to the availability of gas in commercial quantities justifying a pipeline project. The most economical option appears to be an on-land pipeline transiting through Bangladesh. However, the Government of Bangladesh has to take a final view in the matter.