

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

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INDO-PAK CO-OPERATION IN ENERGY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the officials from Petroleum Ministry of India and the officials of Foreign Ministry of Pakistan met in New Delhi and discussed the co-operation in the energy sector;
- (b) if so, the main points discussed between two countries during the meeting and agreement reached so far;
- (c) whether reviving pipe line from Iran that could yield up to \$800 million dollar a year as transit fee for Pakistan and cheap gas for India.
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps to be taken to implement them?

Answer

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

- (a): The Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas has discussed co-operation in the hydrocarbons sector with the Pakistan Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Pakistan Prime Minister at meetings in New Delhi. The Prime Minister has also had discussions on the subject with the President of the Pakistan in New York.
- (b): Access to hydrocarbon resources in the region; general cooperation in the hydrocarbons sector; and the possibility of Indian export of diesel to Pakistan were amongst the subjects discussed.
- (c) to (e): Conversations without commitment have been initiated with Pakistan and Iran about the feasibility of Iran exporting natural gas to India through an overland pipeline. As the conversations are at a preliminary stage, no details have been worked out.