

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

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TRANSPORTATION OF GAS BY IRAN TO INDIA

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

- (a) whether the Petroleum Ministers of India and Pakistan has decided to visit Iran to discuss a multi-billion dollar project to transport Iranian gas to India via Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Iranian Government has given deadline to India to formally agree to its participation after finalising the content of the \$ 7.4 billion gas export deal with Pakistan.
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Iran proposed to hold a meeting of the Oil Ministers of Iran, Pakistan and India on February 12-13, 2008 at Tehran. Government examined the invitation received from Iranian side in this regard and it was decided that it would be necessary to have a bilateral meeting between India and Pakistan before having a trilateral meeting at the Ministerial-level. It was also suggested that instead of a trilateral Ministerial meeting, a trilateral meeting at the level of officials be held.
- (c): No, such communication has been received from Iranian Government.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise in view of (c) above.