

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1644

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008

INDIA-PAKISTAN-IRAN GAS PIPELINE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any discussion on India-Pakistan-Iran Gas Pipeline projects has been held during the recent visit of Iranian President to India;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Both India and Iran have expressed their commitment to the Project.
- (c) The Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas has written to his Iranian counterpart in November,2008 recommending that a trilateral meeting be held.