

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:24.03.2005
INDO-IRAN GAS PIPE LINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the route chart of the proposed Indo-Iran gas pipe line;
- (b) whether Iran has agreed to have a delivery point of the gas at the Indian border;
- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal to connect it with the proposed national gas grid
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has finalised the scheme for domestic and industrial supply from said pipe line; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.305 BY SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU AND SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI, MPs TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2005 REGARDING INDO-IRAN GAS PIPE LINE PROJECT

(a) & (b): The proposal for a gas pipeline from Iran to India through Pakistan is at initial stages of discussion. It is proposed to have to separate back-to-back agreements: between Iran and India for the delivery of gas by pipeline to our agreed point on the India-Pakistan border: and Between Iran and Pakistan for transmission from Iran and transit through Pakistan. The details of the project including the pipeline route, deliver point, etc., are yet to be finalized.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. In principle, it is proposed to link supplies from Iran to the national network of pipelines, but the specifics are to be worked out.

(e) & (f): Marketing arrangements within India will be made after the details of supply to the India-Pakistan border have been finalized.