

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

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IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS FROM MIDDLE EAST THROUGH DEEP SEA

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to transport gas from the Middle East through the deep sea pipelines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government plans to appoint GAIL as the nodal agency to pursue a sub-sea pipeline for import of gas from Iran and Qatar;
- (c) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): In recent years, there have been significant technological advancements in the field of Deep Sea Gas transportation technology. Accordingly, for the last few years, interest has been revived in deep sea gas pipeline route from Middle-East to India. Gas supplies from several gas rich countries of Middle East through Gas Gathering pipeline with hub in Oman (or its proximity) have been proposed, so as to supply gas to Indian Coast through the said Deep Sea Pipeline. GAIL (India) Ltd. has entered into a Principles of Cooperation in the month of July 2009 for developing the pipeline Project. As such, the proposal is at its initial stage.