

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

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a tie-up between GAIL India Ltd. and any private company;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether GAIL has any plan to enter into the field of power generation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. GAIL is having participating interest in Exploration & Production(E&P) and Coal Bed Methane (CBM) blocks in partnership with following private Companies:

1. Arrow Energy, Australia
2. Bengal Energy International Inc., Canada
3. Daewoo International Corporation, Korea
4. Energy Infrastructure Group (EIG), Sweden
5. Eni s.p.A., Italy
6. GeoGlobal Resources, Canada
- 7 Hardy Exploration and Production Inc. (HEPI), Chennai
8. Hallworthy Shipping Limited, UK
9. Jubilant Oil and Gas Private Limited (JOGPL), Noida
10. Korea Gas Corporation (KoGas), Korea
11. Nitin File Protection Industries Ltd., Mumbai
12. Oilex Oman Limited, Oman
13. Petrogas E&P LLC, Oman
14. Tata Power, Mumbai
15. Videocon Industries Limited, Mumbai

Further, GAIL has the following Joint Venture Companies:-

1. Mahanagar Gas Limited
2. Petronet LNG Limited
3. Fayum Gas
4. Shell Compressed Natural Gas Egypt
5. Natural Gas Company "Nat Gas"
6. China Gas Holding Limited

(e) & (f): Presently, GAIL is associated with three gas-based power Companies, namely, Gujarat Industries Power Co. Ltd. (GIPCL), Gujarat State Energy Generation Ltd. (GSEG) & Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL). GAIL has invested in GIPCL in the year 1991 and the present investment of GAIL is Rs. 85.59 lakh (0.38% equity stake). In 2001, GAIL invested Rs. 20.76 crore in GSEG with 12.86% equity; major promoter of the plant is Gujarat State Petroleum Corp. Ltd. (GSPC). GAIL and NTPC formed a Joint Venture Company RGPPL in 2005, wherein GAIL is having 28.33% stake. The project has a generation capacity of 2150 MW along with an integrated 5 million tonnes per annum (mmtpa) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal located at Ratnagiri district in Maharashtra. Further, GAIL and IFFCO are jointly exploring the possibility of setting up a 200-250 MW gas based power plant at Bettiah, Bihar for which Feasibility Study has been completed. GAIL has commissioned 4.5 MW wind energy project in Kutch, Gujarat for captive use.