

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5671  
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NATIONAL GAS MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) has been shortlisted as one of the 15 companies having qualified for the \$30 billion national gas master development plan and its implementation in Nigeria;
- (b) if so, the quantity of crude oil India is importing from Nigeria at present; and
- (c) the likely impact of such development in securing crude oil and other petroleum products from African countries?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. GAIL (India) Ltd. has been shortlisted as a part of a consortium to bid for developing gas facilities in Nigeria.
- (b): The quantity of crude oil India is importing from Nigeria during the current year is given below:-

Year	Qty. (Million Metric Tonne) Crude oil imported
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- (c): As such the proposal is at a very preliminary stage. However, if the consortium in which GAIL (India) Ltd. is participating is successful, it may lead to an increase in commercial relationship.