

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to have a gas pipeline from Myanmar via Mizoram;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to persuade the Government of Bangladesh for this pipeline project?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India had pursued the import of natural gas from A1 and A3 blocks in Myanmar. For evacuation of gas from Myanmar, the option of laying a pipeline through Bangladesh was initially considered. However, as this did not progress owing to differences with Bangladesh, the alternative option of pipeline through north-eastern states of India, bypassing Bangladesh, was also considered. Subsequently, Myanmar decided to sell the gas to China. Myanmar Government is going ahead with its decision to sell the gas to China. Hence, presently it is not possible to take up Indo-Myannar gas pipeline project.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.