

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

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SNDO IRAN GAS PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether India seeks fresh talks with Iran over gas pipeline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has raised certain questions over pricing structure of gas with Tehran;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Iran has agreed on the India's proposal to pay for the fuel only when it is delivered at Pakistan-India border; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(a) to (f): India is pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Various important issues, viz., pricing of gas, delivery point of gas, project structure, payment of transportation tariff and transit fees for passage of natural gas through Pakistan, security of supply, etc., are under discussion amongst the participating countries, India has proposed to Iran the date for holding the next meeting of Indo-Iran Special Joint Working Group (SJWG) on the Project.