

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

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INDO-IRAN UNDERWATER GAS PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether India and Iran has been considering having an underwater gas pipeline;
- (b) if so, whether any discussion has been held with Iran in this regard;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether Iran had insisted upon not abandoning the Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline project; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): No such proposal is under consideration of the Governments of India & Iran.
- (d) & (e): India is pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Various important issues concerning the Project are under discussion amongst the participating countries.