

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

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IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL FROM TURKEY

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

- (a) whether Turkey has offered a fresh and potentially viable alternative that could get Central Asian and Caucasian oil to India's doorstep;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any concrete proposal from Turkey in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (d). The project is still in a conceptual stage and requires a detailed feasibility study to establish its techno-commercial viability. The second tripartite meeting between Turkey-Israel-India was held in July 2009 in Israel to discuss conceptual features of the project. There has been no further development on the project proposal since then.