

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has participated in the fourth Asian Energy Ministers Conference held at Dalat in Vietnam recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the main issues discussed therein;
- (c) whether the Union Government has identified the key areas to highlight the need of working together with various Asian countries in the energy sector;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the response of the other participant countries on the views expressed by the Indian representative during the said Summit?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e) Minister (Petroleum & Natural Gas) participated in the 4th East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers` Meeting in Dalat, Vietnam on 22-23 July 2010. Set up in 2005, the EAS is a forum of 16 Asian countries,, viz., 10 ASEAN countries plus Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea, to enable regional cooperation. During the Meeting, cooperation amongst 16 member countries in the areas of energy efficiency & conservation, biofuels for transport and energy market integration was discussed. India`s proposal for cooperation in areas such as development of coal bed methane, developing second generation biofuels, harnessing energy saving technologies and measures for safety and security of oil & gas sector was appreciated. India also offered to share its expertise on use of CNG for public transport with member countries.

While in Vietnam, Minister (P&NG) held extensive discussions with his counterpart from Vietnam on promoting bilateral relations in the oil & gas sector. He also called on Prime Minister of Vietnam. Bilateral meetings were held with Myanmar, South Korea and Singapore.