

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TAPI GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

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

- (a) whether a delegation from India participated in the Steering Committee meeting on "Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India" (TAPI) gas pipe line project held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held during the said meeting;
- (c) the details of the issues on which all the stakeholders have agreed and the details of the issues on which there has been difference; and
- (d) the extent to which India will be benefited from the project?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): Yes Madam. A delegation from India led by Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State (P&NG) participated in the Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) on TAPI gas pipeline project held on September 20, 2010 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Discussions were held on
- (i) signing of Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement (GPFA),
 - (ii) Gas reserves certificates for new gas reserves, and
 - (iii) Way forward. Turkmenistan has provided preliminary assessment of gas reserves from an internationally reputed company, Gaffney Cline & Associates (GCA).

Amendments proposed by Turkmenistan in the earlier initialled GPFA regarding change in gas field and relevant dates were agreed to. The revised GPFA has been initialled in the SCM.

- (d): The present sources of production/liquefaction of natural gas in the country are in the Western and Southern parts of India. TAPI Project would enable supply of natural gas to North India, which would reduce transportation tariff for supply of gas to customers in North India. Further, increased availability of natural gas in the country would enable supply of natural gas to those industries, which have not been able to avail of the benefits of natural gas till now.