

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

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SUB-SEA PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal to bring gas from the Middle East through the deep sea is under consideration;
- (b) if so, whether Government has also directed the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) to pursue a sub-sea pipeline to import gas from Iran and Qatar; and
- (c) if so, the present status and terms and conditions of the deal likely to be held in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c): Gas supplies from several gas rich countries of Middle East through Gas Gathering pipeline with Hub in Oman (or its proximity) have been proposed, so as to supply gas to Indian Coast through the deep sea pipeline. GAIL (India) Ltd. has entered into a Principles of Cooperation in 2009 for the said pipeline Project.