

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:784
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EXPORT OF PETROL AND DIESEL TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from Pakistan for import of petrol and diesel from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has agreed to the said request; and
- (d) if so, the detailed terms and conditions of such export?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): In the 5th round of talks on commercial & economic cooperation between the Commerce Secretaries of India and Pakistan, "both sides agreed to work out how to initiate and substantially expand trade in all types of petroleum products. A Group of Experts from both sides would be set up for this purpose before 15.06.2011. The Group would, inter alia, discuss trade arrangements, building of cross-border pipelines and use of road/rail route, including the Munabao-Khokrapar route. The Group's 1st meeting would be held before September 2011".

In pursuance of the above decision, a Group of Experts to Expand Trade in Petroleum Products between India and Pakistan has been constituted by the Indian side and its composition, Terms of Reference, etc., have been conveyed to the Pakistan side, through the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, along with an invitation to attend the 1st meeting of the Group of Experts in New Delhi.