

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

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

- (a) the status of the Indo-Oman Gas pipeline project;
- (b) the details of the gas proposed to be supplied therefrom to the country as per the contract signed with the Government of Oman;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to revive under water-sea project to address energy shortage in the country; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): An Agreement on Principal Terms for supply of 56.6 million standard cubic meter per day (mmscmd) natural gas through pipeline from Oman to India was signed between the Government of Oman and the Government of India in 1994. Pursuant to the above, GAIL and Oman Oil Company jointly carried out feasibility study of the Oman-India Deepwater Gas Pipeline. However, the Project could not make progress due to, inter alia, the technical feasibility of the Project not being established and inadequate gas reserves for the Project.

In recent years, there is renewed interest in deep sea gas pipeline from Middle-East region to India. GAIL (India) Ltd. has entered into a 'Principles of Cooperation' in the month of July 2009 for developing such a pipeline Project.

(d): Such projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the parties concerned. Therefore, no definite time frame can be indicated for commencement as well as completion of the project at this stage.