

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

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EXPORT OF GAS BY ISRAEL

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

- (a) whether Israel has offered to export gas to India in the form of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and invited partnership of Indian Companies;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiative taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether any talks have been held between the two countries on the import of gas from Israel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken by the Government to meet the energy security of the country?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) To strengthen the country's energy security, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas keeps in close touch with oil and gas producing countries, and imports crude oil from more than 30 countries spread over different continents. Further, Oil PSUs are being encouraged to adopt a global vision in their pursuit of raw materials and raw material-producing assets abroad.

To boost the domestic production of oil & gas, India is intensifying the exploratory efforts in the Indian sedimentary basin through the New Exploration License Policy which provides for a stable fiscal and contract framework for exploration & production of hydrocarbons. The Government has also initiated steps for development of alternate sources of hydrocarbons in the unconventional areas like Shale Gas, Tight gas, Coal Bed Methane, Gas Hydrates etc.