

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

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CO OPERATION IN OIL EXPLORATION WITH QATAR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance co-operation in the key sector of oil and gas exploration with Qatar;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has signed any agreement with Qatar in this regard alongwith the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the quantity of oil and gas imported from Qatar during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the extent to which imports will increase after the aforesaid agreement?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). Qatar is India's largest supplier of LNG and a key supplier of crude oil. Recently, during the state visit of Emir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani to New-Delhi during 8th -10th April 2012, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Qatar's Ministry of Energy & Industry on co-operation in the field of Oil & Gas.

(c) . Details of oil imported from Qatar during the last 3 years are as follows:

Crude oil (MMTPA)

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| 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
| 5.41 | 5.61 | 6.41 |

Details of LNG imported from Qatar by Petronet LNG limited during the last 3 years are as follows:

LNG (MMTPA)

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| 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
| 6.18 | 7.71 | 8.38 |

(d). The increase in import of oil & gas from Qatar will depend on domestic demand in India as well as the price at which LNG is sold by Qatar. GAIL and PLL are in discussion with RasGas, Qatar to secure an additional 3 MMTPA LNG from Qatar but the deal is subject to suitable price being offered by Qatar.