

**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 proposed terms and conditions of the deal in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): GAIL (India) Ltd. was directed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to examine the techno commercial viability of the proposal from South Asia Gas Enterprises Pvt Ltd. (SAGE) for Deep Water Natural Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Project from Middle East to India. GAIL would consider all proposals, including that from SAGE for such a pipeline and take final decision based on commercial considerations at a later stage.

(c): GAIL has now informed that though the project appears technically feasible with the current level of technology, commercial feasibility of the project needs to be assessed in view of the tight current Natural gas scenario across the Globe.