

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:405  
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EXPORT OF LNG BY US  
Annayagari Shri Sai Prathap

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

- (a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has requested the Government to intervene in the matter of relaxing the export norms by United States of America (USA) for supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the initiative taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): In view of recent increase in commercialization of Shale Gas resources in US, there has been considerable availability of gas in US resulting in low Henry Hub prices and increased possibility of LNG exports from US. GAIL is pursuing gas sourcing opportunities across the world including US. MoP&NG has asked the Ministry of External Affairs to take up the matter with appropriate authorities in the US Government for allowing LNG/Liquid Shale Gas exports to India from USA, by keeping India outside the purview of Free Trade Area (FTA)/non FTA framework.