

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

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

- (a) whether various oil companies of India propose to invest in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal in Canada for importing natural gas therefrom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the natural gas imported from Canada will be cheaper than the natural gas being imported from other countries at present; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Companies have reported that they are exploring investment /sourcing opportunities in Canada.

(c) & (d): Presently, with the huge shale gas discovery in USA and Canada, it is expected that LNG import from projects of these countries could be economical as compared to other sources. However, the long distance transportation involved and the indexation mechanism for determining LNG price would affect the economies of LNG imports.