

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

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ENERGY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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

(a) whether India has participated in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers conference held in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of the issues raised and discovered therein; and

(c) the details of the issues on which participants of various countries have consensus?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes, Madam. India participated in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers conference held during 11-13 September, 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

(b) & (c) The ASEAN Ministers reiterated their commitment to further strengthen ASEAN efforts to improve cooperation in order to produce technological facilities producing renewable energy- based electric power to enhance ASEAN Green Connectivity; improve Regional Power Trade toward establishing ASEAN Power Pool in the future; to initiate the ASEAN Power Grid with large scale power sources and to achieve the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2010-2015.

The EAS Ministers while acknowledging the importance of research studies on low carbon growth recognized the important role of diffusing low carbon technologies, products and services to achieve reduction of green house gas emissions on a global scale.

Minister of State (Petroleum & Natural Gas) in his statement to EAS EMM emphasized the need for close economic cooperation amongst East Asian Countries and showcased the investment opportunities available in the Indian hydrocarbons sector, particularly under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), in petrochemical complexes at Dahej and Mangalore and in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) re-gasification terminals being developed on India's East and West coast. India's capability and experience in laying oil and gas pipelines and power transmission lines was also offered to the participating countries.