

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO IRAN PIPELINE PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of India-Iran Gas Pipe-line project;
- (b) the estimated cost of project; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The details of the projects undertaken/pursued for importing gas from Iran are as under:

(i) Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project – The pipeline was planned to have a capacity to transport 60 mmscmd of natural gas. The total length of the pipeline upto Indian border would be approximately 2135 kms. After initial round of discussions there has been no concrete forward movement on the project.

(ii) Deep Water Indo-Iran gas pipeline project – Indo-Iran Joint Committee entrusted GAIL & NIOC International with the responsibility to jointly commission Deep Water gas pipeline feasibility study on equal cost sharing basis. The contract for engineering and consultancy services was awarded to M/s Snamprogetti- Saipem on 29th May, 2001 at an estimated cost of 1.9 million US dollars. The feasibility study report was received in June 2006. However, no progress has been made on the project due to lack of interest from both the sides.

(iii) Middle East to India Deep Sea pipeline – M/s South Asia Gas Enterprise (SAGE) is pursuing the Deep Sea gas pipeline from Middle East to India and has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Iranian Gas Export Company (NIGEC) for transportation of gas to India through deep water route. A Principles of Cooperation has also been signed between GAIL(India) Ltd. and SAGE which is valid upto July 2014.