

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:112

ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009

INDO OMAN GAS PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether India and Oman are still pursuing the possibility of an under-the-sea pipeline that could cater energy requirements of the country in a big way;
- (b) if so, the status thereof;
- (c) whether as per the previous study, the aforesaid pipeline is very costly;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to overcome the impediments in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ AND SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR, MPS TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH NOVEMBER,2009 REGARDING INDO-OMAN GAS PIPELINE

(a) to (e): An Agreement on Principal Terms for supply of 56.6 million standard cubic meter per day (mmscmd) natural gas through pipeline from Oman to India was signed between the Government of Oman and the Government of India in 1994. Pursuant to the above, GAIL and Oman Oil Company jointly carried out feasibility study of the Oman-India Deepwater Gas Pipeline. However, the Project could not move ahead due to, inter alia, the technical feasibility of the Project not being established and inadequate gas reserves for the Project.

In recent years, there have been significant technological advancements in the field of Deep Sea Gas transportation technology. Accordingly, for the last few years, interest has been revived in deep sea gas pipeline route from Middle-East to India. Gas supplies from several gas rich countries of Middle East through Gas Gathering pipeline with Hub in Oman (or its proximity) have been proposed, so as to supply gas to Indian Coast through the said Deep Sea Pipeline. GAIL (India) Ltd. has entered into a Principles of Cooperation in the month of July 2009 for developing the pipeline Project. As such, the proposal is at its initial stage.