

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

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INDO IRAN GAS PIPELINE

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

- (a) whether China is replacing India on the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the status of the project as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): No official communication has been received regarding China joining IPI gas pipeline project.

(c): India is pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Various important issues, viz., pricing of gas, delivery point of gas, project structure, security of supplies, payment of transportation tariff and transit fees for passage of natural gas through Pakistan, etc., are under discussion amongst the participating countries.