

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

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GAS SUPPLY IN EASTERN PARTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have adopted a plan to arrange supply of gas in Eastern parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) In order to meet the demand of natural gas in Eastern parts of the country Government is exploring the possibilities of import of natural gas from Bangladesh. For this purpose, a consortium of three Oil Public Sector Undertakings, namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited has been formed to participate in an venture for import of natural gas from Bangladesh. Further, GAIL has taken an assignment in Block A-1 in Myanmar Offshore alongwith ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) from Daewoo International Corporation, Korea. The Block was awarded by the Myanmar Oil & Gas Enterprises to Daewoo International Corporation, Korea under Production Sharing Contract in October, 2002. Supply of natural gas to Eastern parts of India depends on decision of Government of Bangladesh to sell natural gas to India and gas discovery by GAIL and OVL in Myanmar.