

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

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

(a) whether India and Qatar has agreed in principle to enter into a new agreement under which India can import 20 million tonnes of LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) annually from Qatar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): During the visit of the Emir of Qatar, a proposal was made by the Indian side for progressively increasing the purchase of LNG from Qatar to 20 million tonnes over the next twenty years. Qatar has agreed in principle to work towards this target. Commercial negotiations will commence shortly.