

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

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

- (a) whether IOC has signed any MoU with Nepal Oil Corporation to set up 35 Km. Gas Pipeline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Sir. However, an MoU has been signed between Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) on 9.9.2004 for laying a Product Pipeline from Raxaul in Bihar to Amlekhganj, Nepal. The estimated cost of the pipeline will be around Rs.33 crore. The construction schedule for the project is 24 months after receipt of all the approvals.