

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

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COOPERATION WITH YEMEN IN OIL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any arrangement has been signed between India and Yemen for cooperation in oil sector
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement it?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Bilateral discussions were held during the 5th session of the Indo-Yemen Joint Committee Meeting held in Sana'a between the 15th and 17th January, 2005. Indian Public Sector oil companies have shown interest in exploration and production blocks in Yemen, modernisation of the Aden Refinery and the proposed Hydrocracker Project, sourcing of natural gas from Yemen; and LNG liquefaction plants in Yemen. It has been decided, inter alia, to form a Joint Technical Committee to discuss co-operation in all sectors of hydrocarbons.