

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

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

- (a) whether Gas Authority of India proposes to set up a Coal Gassification Plant in foreign collaboration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed plant is likely to import coal instead of using domestic coal;
- (d) whether GAIL proposes to set up the plant in Gujarat or somewhere in Western India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a),(b),(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. The proposed coal gasification plant is at a preliminary stage of discussion between GAIL and M/s Shell International. Further details have not been worked out.
- (c) No, Sir. The proposed plant will use domestic coal.