

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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ENERGY COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether negotiations have been going on with Russia at different levels for energy cooperation, including oil sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the accord or understanding, if any, reached as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : Energy is one of the areas on which discussions have been taking place in the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC). Under the aegis of this Commission, there is a Working Group on Energy. In its last meeting, the Working Group discussed the cooperation in Oil & Gas sector and Power Sector. Following priority tasks have been identified for cooperation in Hydrocarbon sector:

Concretize bilateral cooperation on prospective oil and gas projects in India, Russia and third countries.

Actively encourage progress in implementation of MOUs signed between Rosneft & OVL and GAIL & Gazprom.

Actively Support participation of Russian oil and gas companies in India`s 6th round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI).

Organize 2nd Energy Seminar in Russia to explore opportunities for stepping up bilateral energy cooperation.

OVL and Rosneft to explore ways to derive maximum value from Sakhalin-I gas by jointly studying various alternatives including it in LNG form to India either directly or through swap arrangement.

There is a longstanding cooperation with Russia in development of Hydropower projects.

There is also ongoing cooperation with Russia in the sphere of civil nuclear power. Two units of nuclear plants of capacity 1000 MW each are under construction at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu with Russia assistance.