

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

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CO- OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish co-operation with South Africa in petroleum sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the terms and conditions proposed to be made therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : An Agreement between India and South Africa for cooperation in the hydrocarbons sector was signed on the 16th October, 2003 in New Delhi during the visit of the South African Delegation headed by the President of that country. The Agreement is aimed at establishing a general framework for cooperation in areas of mutual interest in the hydrocarbons sector.