

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:592
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IMPORT OF LNG FROM IRAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation of GAIL (India) Ltd. visited Iran in January, 2006;
- (b) if so, whether the said delegation discussed for import of an additional 2.5 MMTPA of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG); and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. A delegation led by Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, and including representatives from Gail (India) Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), visited Tehran on 13-14 January, 2006, to discuss the terms and conditions for import of an additional 2.5 MMTPA of LNG from Iran. Various commercial and contractual issues, including pricing formulation, were discussed. The discussions remained inconclusive and the outstanding items will be pursued at subsequent meetings.