

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

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INDO -JAPAN CO -OPERATION IN PETROLEUM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the India and Japan have signed an agreement of co-operation in petroleum sector;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the achievements for oil sector made during recent visit of Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister to Japan and Russia, particularly in regard to Sikhalin reserves?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): During the visit of Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to Japan and Russia in February, 2005, discussions were held at the Ministerial, official and commercial levels about areas of collaboration between the two countries in the hydrocarbon sector. A Joint Statement was signed by the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas with the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan in Tokyo on 21st September, 2005 identifying an action plan for cooperation between the two countries. A copy of the Joint Statement is annexed.

As regards Russia, comprehensive bilateral discussions were held with the Russian side. ONGC made a proposal for conversion of the entire 8 BCM gas from Sakhalin I to LNG in order to derive maximum value from the project. Rosneft also evinced interest in widening collaboration with ONGC in this project and other E&P opportunities arising in Russia as well as in third countries.