

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

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BUSINESS VENTURES OUTSIDE INDIA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited has gas business ventures outside India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of their expansion plan of business abroad?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. GAIL is participating in gas sector projects in Egypt and has secured participating interest in the Fayum Gas Company, Shell CNG Egypt and the National Gas Company. Besides its Egyptian interests, GAIL has a participating interest in block A-1 in Myanmar where commercial gas reserves have been discovered in the first exploratory well in January 2004. Further, GAIL is working out commercial terms with M/s Daewoo for a participating interest in A-3 Block of Myanmar. Other potential blocks in Myanmar are under consideration. For the present, GAIL is focusing on gas sector opportunities in the areas of its core competence in Turkey, Egypt, Iran, Myanmar, Bangladesh and the Philippines.