

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA COOPERATION IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with China in the field of energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. China and India signed a joint statement in April, 2005. The two sides, inter alia, agreed to cooperate in the area of energy security and conservation, including the survey and exploration of petroleum and natural gas resources in third world countries.

A task force from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas visited China in June, 2005 to discuss avenues of bilateral cooperation in the energy sector.