

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3552  
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INDO IRAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Iran have agreed to cooperate in energy sector recently; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : India and Iran signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during the 14th session of the Joint Commission on February 21-22, 2005 in New Delhi in which the decision to explore the option of an overland gas pipeline from Iran subject, inter alia, to satisfaction of concerns on physical security and assured supplies was welcomed by both sides. Iran side, taking note of keenness of Indian companies such as NTPC and BHEL to do business there, expressed optimism on cooperation in power sector also.