

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

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EXTENSION OF INDO- IRAN GAS PIPELINE TO CHINA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Pakistan has offered to extend the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline to China;
- (b) if so, whether India's consent has also been obtained; and
- (c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : There has been no formal proposal to extend the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline, which itself is at the proposal stage, to China. The matter has not been discussed with Pakistan in any of the meetings relating to the Project though in the 2nd tripartite secretary level Joint Working Group meeting on the Project in Islamabad on 22-23 May, 2006, the Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources, Government of Pakistan, in his opening remarks had, interalia, stated that IPI Gas Pipeline Project was important for all three Countries, as it would open a huge market for Iranian gas (towards the east including China) and it would play very important role in the economic development of Pakistan and India in addition to fulfilling their energy requirement.