

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

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INDO- IRAN GAS PIPELINE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has succeeded in reviving the agreement regarding the gas pipeline project with Iran and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, whether the three countries followed the suggestion of a British agency in reaching the said agreement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any agreement has been reached on the price of natural gas that Iran plans to sell to India;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the present status of Indo-Iran gas pipeline project?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) : The 4th Tripartite Joint Working Group meeting of Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project between the three countries was held in Tehran, Iran on January 24-25, 2007. During the meeting, discussions were held on the report submitted by International consultant M/s Gaffney Cline & Associates on the gas price at Iran-Pakistan border. A gas pricing formula regarding pricing of gas at Iran-Pakistan border was agreed between Iran and Pakistan side, subject to approval from the respective Governments. The Indian side agreed to respond to the pricing formula within a period of four weeks.

Subsequently, an Indian delegation participated in the 4th bilateral Working Group meeting with Pakistan on February 22-23, 2007 to discuss various issues relating to transit of IPI Pipeline through Pakistan. Iran attended the meeting as an Observer. The issues pertaining to transportation tariff and transit fees for passage of gas through Pakistan were, inter alia, discussed.