

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

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EXPANSION OF BUSINESS BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GAIL (India) Ltd. exploring opportunities with major gas producer in and outside the country to expand its reach in gas business ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the resources from where GAIL (India) Ltd. proposes to manage such expenditure ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. GAIL is in discussion with various domestic gas producers and LNG suppliers for sourcing of gas to meet the demand of natural gas in India. GAIL is also participating under Government to Government initiative for import of gas through transnational pipelines from Iran, Turkmenistan and Myanmar. GAIL is also actively engaged in Exploration and Production (E&P) activities to meet the growing requirement of natural gas in the country.

(c):GAIL's discussion with domestic gas producers is at an initial stage. The estimates of expenditure on transnational pipeline projects, which are likely to come up, would be prepared based on finalization of agreements.GAIL has participating interest in 30 oil and gas exploration blocks; these blocks are in different stages of exploration, appraisal and development and, therefore, complete estimates of expenditure are not available.

(d): Expenditure will be met from internal resources and commercial borrowings.