

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

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND KAZAKHASTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India and Kazakhstan have set up joint business council to explore and expand bilateral ties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the sectors on which Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas discussed with his counterpart; and
- (d) the details of the progress made so far in each of such sectors ?

Answer

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

(a) To explore and expand bilateral ties with Kazakhstan, Inter-Governmental Commission between India and Kazakhstan has been established. The 6th meeting of the India-Kazakhstan Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, Industrial & Cultural Cooperation was held in New Delhi on 12-13 October, 2006.

(b) to (d) During the meeting, discussions were held on Trade and Economic; Hydrocarbons; Mineral Resources; Information Technology; Military Technical Cooperation; Science & Technology; Consular Issues and Transportation Sectors. At the end of the meeting, it was decided to finalize the protocol through diplomatic channels.