

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

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INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE FOR GAS PIPELINES PASSING THROUGH PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a proposal to lay a gas pipeline between India and Iran;
- (b) whether Pakistan has agreed to provide international guarantee for a gas pipeline destined for India from Iran passing through Pakistan
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the estimated expenditure involved for the said pipeline;
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the percentage of gas likely to be received through this pipeline for consumption?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) Government have had under consideration for several years alternative options for supply of Iranian gas to India, including laying a natural gas pipeline between Iran and India.
- (b)&(c) Pakistan has from time to time, expressed its support for the proposal of an Iran-Pakistan-India overland gas pipeline and its willingness to address India's concerns regarding security of supply. Pakistan has also indicated its willingness to hold talks in this regard.
- (d)to(f) Details of the project have not been worked out.