

**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 any discussions were held among the participating countries of Indo-Iran gas pipeline project during the last three months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and outcome thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the Indo-Iran gas pipeline project?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): India is pursuing import of natural gas from Iran through Iran-Pakistan-India Gas Pipeline. Various aspects of the project are being discussed in bilateral and trilateral fora. The third trilateral Joint Working Group meeting between Iran, Pakistan and India was held in New Delhi on August 3-4, 2006. It was decided in the meeting to appoint a consultant to work out the gas price as per the methodology agreed between the three countries. Subsequently, M/s Gaffhey Cline & Associates have been appointed as consultant by the Iranian side. A meeting to finalize the methodology to be adopted for working out the gas price was held in Dubai on September 28-29, 2006. The price worked out by the consultant, which was based on certain parameters given by Iran, was not acceptable to India and Pakistan. The consultant has been given revised parameters to work out the gas pricing.