

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

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IRAN PAKISTAN INDIA GAS PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started the work on Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted various stakeholders before arriving at any decision in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the findings of the said discussions and the efforts made by the Government to start the said project at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d). Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project has been under discussion with the Governments of Iran and Pakistan since 2005. 60 MMSCMD of gas is proposed to be supplied in Phase-I, to be shared equally between India and Pakistan. In Phase-II 90 MMSCMD of gas is envisaged to be supplied. Several rounds of discussions have taken place, involving the India-Pakistan-Iran Joint Working Group (JWG), India-Pakistan JWG and the India-Iran Special JWG. The matter has also been discussed at the Ministerial level. Several critical issues, viz., the delivery point of Iranian gas, the project structure including project finance, guarantees related to safety of the pipeline and security of supply, pricing of gas, location of international seat of arbitration, etc. are yet to be resolved. In view of critical issues remaining unresolved there has been no further development in this project.