

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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GAS PIPELINE WITH BRICS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a giant gas pipeline with the core members of the BRICS country group;
- (b) if so, the details of the said proposal;
- (c) whether this matter came up for discussion during the recently concluded BRICS summit; and
- (d) if so, the response of the member countries thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Russia has circulated a paper which proposes a BRICS Economic Cooperation Strategy which inter alia includes a proposal for implementation of projects on energy infrastructure development including oil and gas pipelines. The BRICS Leaders at the recently concluded 6th Summit in Brazil in July 2014 referred the paper to BRICS Sherpas (Senior Officials) for advance discussions.