

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
TRILATERAL MEETING ON IPI PIPELINE .

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is fact that India has stopped attending the trilateral meeting on Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) pipeline meeting after the year 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c) the details of the sticking points, if any, from the part of India on the above; and
- (d) the steps taken, if any, to unravel the same and also the present status of IPI?

ANSWER

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

- (a) & (b): The last meeting of tripartite Joint Working Group (JWG) on IPI gas pipeline project was held in New Delhi on June 28-29, 2007, which was attended by representatives from all the participating countries, viz., Iran, Pakistan and India.
- (c) & (d): Various important issues concerning the Project, viz., pricing of gas, delivery point of gas, project structure, payment of transportation tariff & transit fees for passage of natural gas through Pakistan, etc., are under discussion amongst the participating countries.
Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the project.