

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**GAS SUPPLY FROM TURKMENISTAN .**

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Shri H.K. Dua

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

- (a) whether Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for transporting gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when gas will start reaching India, and at what cost?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.16 ASKED BY SHRI H.K. DUA, MP TO BE ANSWERED ON NOVEMBER 09, 2010

(a) & (b): Government is pursuing the import of natural gas from Turkmenistan through Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project. Various important issues concerning the Project, viz., delivery point, project structure, security of supplies, etc are under discussion amongst the participating countries. Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement (GPFA) has been initialled by the Ministers of the participating countries, including India, during 11th meeting of Steering Committee of TAPI Gas Pipeline Project held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on September 20, 2010.

(c): 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. As such, no definite time frame can be indicated for availability of gas from Turkmenistan through TAPI Gas Pipeline Project at this stage. Further, the delivered price of gas and the cost of the Project could only be known after firming up of the Project details.