

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

**AGREEMENT OF NATURAL GAS IMPORT WITH JAPAN**

**353. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:**

Will the **Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether India has entered into a pact with Japan to create a cargo swapping arrangement in order to facilitate exchange of gas to reduce India's logistical costs for natural gas import;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether such a deal is first of its kind or the Government has entered into a similar agreement earlier too with any other country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

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(a) to (c): The Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation(MoC) with Government of Japan on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in Tokyo. The area of MoC includes establishing a liquid, flexible and transparent global Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) market. It is the first bilateral MoC exclusively on LNG cooperation.

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