### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2336 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016

### **IRAN-PAKISTAN-INDIA GAS PIPELINE**

#### 2336. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

# पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government has held talks/signed any pact with the beneficiary countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has assessed the escalating cost of the said project and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## ANSWER

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान) MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) During the last three years, no expenditure has been incurred on Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline project.

(b) India has been involved in discussions on the India-Pakistan-Iran (IPI) pipeline project as a part of the Joint Working Group on Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals with Iran. However, no pact has been signed in this regard.

(c) No recent cost assessments have been made on the project.

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