

QATAR TO MEET INDIA'S LNG DEMAND

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Qatar has agreed to consider to meet Indian demand for supplying LNG on a long term basis. This emerged at a meeting between Shri Murli Deora, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Mr. Abdulla Bin Ahmed Al-Attiyah, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy & Industry, Government of Qatar at Doha today. Shri Deora visited Doha, Qatar to discuss the LNG supplies to India. The Petroleum Minister is accompanied by Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, CMDs of ONGC, IOC, GAIL & MD, Petronet LNG Limited. Qatari Minister was joined by Chief Executives of Rasgas and other petroleum companies.

During the meeting India sought long term LNG supplies for Dahej and Kochi terminals of Petronet LNG Limited and Dabhol terminal of GAIL. Deputy Premier agreed to consider the request of Indian side for LNG supplies. Mr. Al-Attiyah also advised the CEOs of Rasgas and other petroleum companies of Qatar to have separate discussions with CEOs of ONGC, IOC, GAIL & Petronet LNG Limited to chalk out plans for the supply of upto 5 MMT of LNG to India on long term basis. It was agreed by both the sides to have further discussions. Mr. Al-Attiyah also hosted a lunch in honour of the visiting Petroleum Minister and expressed satisfaction over the talks. Mr. Al-Attiyah also expressed his desire to visit India and see the Dabhol and Hazira pipelines.