

## **Need to take comprehensive measures to ensure security of oil and natural gas pipelines-Laid**

**SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA (RAJKOT):** Security of the fuel pipelines has become a serious issue. This is important not only from the economic point of view, but also from the view point of national security. Recent developments have made it even more evident that lapses in the security of these pipelines can have serious consequences. Moreover, the warning of targeting oil pipelines by terrorists trained in Pakistan has made situation even more serious. It is a clear that along with external threats, internal security challenges also exist in the region. The recovery of a power IED near ONGC pipelines in Assam has further increased the concern of security agencies. This incident shows that the terrorist organisations and other anti-social elements are active in targeting these critical infrastructures. The HPCL pipelines in Pune have suffered damage due to fuel theft, which is an indication of lack of security measures. This incident not only caused economic losses, but also increased the sense of insecurity among the local communities. I request the Ministry of Home Affairs to take concrete steps in collaboration with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to make these security measures more effective.