

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2694  
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000  
UNDERGROUND TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
C. KRISHNAN

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

- (a) whether there are any plans for the underground transportation of petroleum products from Chennai-Coimbatore and Tuticorin-Madurai-Trichy, considering the heavy traffic on the national and state highways causing much delay in transport thereof;
- (b) if so, whether the scheme has been finalised in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

( SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR )

(a) to (d): No, Sir. However, Petronet CCK Limited, a joint venture company between Petronet India Limited, and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited is implementing a project for laying a cross country pipeline from Cochin to Karur via Coimbatore for transportation of petroleum products at an estimated cost of Rs.535 crore. Further, Petronet CTM Limited, a joint venture company co-promoted by Petronet India Limited and India Oil Corporation Limited is also laying a pipeline from Chennai to Madurai via Trichy at an estimated cost of Rs.538.7 crore.