

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:254

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006

SUBJECT SUPPLY OF PIPED NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) the progress made in the formulation of natural gas pipe-line policy so far;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to extend natural gas supplies through pipe-line networks in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 254 BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA AND SHRI RAGHUVVEER SINGH KOSHAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING SUPPLY OF PIPED NATURAL GAS.

(a): The policy for development of natural gas pipelines is under finalisation in consultation with various stakeholders. In this regard two meetings have been held in the Ministry in the recent past with the industry on 2nd June and 4th July 2006.

(b) to (d): Gas pipelines in the country have been laid and are being laid by the companies on commercial considerations. The objective of the proposed policy is to promote investment from public as well as private sector in natural gas pipelines to facilitate open access for all players to the pipeline network on a nondiscriminatory basis, promote competition among entities and secure the consumer interest in terms of gas availability and reasonable tariff for natural gas pipelines. The development of network would, interalia, depend upon the availability of gas and necessary tie-ups for gas sourcing and marketing. At present, apart from Gail (India) Limited (GAIL), other entities like Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) and Assam Gas Company Limited (AGCL) are engaged in transmission of natural gas. The details of the existing natural gas transmission pipeline network and proposed gas pipelines of GAIL are at Annex. GSPL and AGCL have their pipeline networks in Gujarat and Assam respectively. Besides these companies which are engaged in gas transmission pipelines, a number of entities are engaged in the business of local or city gas distribution.