

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GAIL- ONGC JOINT VENTURE FOR GAS PIPELINE NETWORK

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

- (a) whether the GAIL (India) Ltd. and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) have formed a joint venture to lay pipeline networks for transporting and marketing gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the investment propose to be made in the said joint venture; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to develop gas infrastructure in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, GAIL and ONGC have finalized a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up of a Joint Venture for laying and operating gas pipeline network in respect of exploitation of possible gas discovery in KG and Mahanadi basins.

(d): GAIL is operating more than 5600 km of pipelines with a capacity of around 130 MMSCMD for transportation of natural gas to various customers in the country. GAIL is also implementing Dahej – Uran pipeline, Dabhol - Panvel pipeline and Jagoti – Pithampur pipeline project.