

Fourteenth Loksabha**Session : 4****Date : 16-03-2005****Participants :** [Swain Shri M.A. Kharabela](#), [Seth Shri Lakshman Chandra](#)

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Title: Issues relating to supply of gas in West Bengal.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, nowadays, gas is the lifeline of the economy. Throughout Eastern India, there is no availability of gas. We are hearing so many assurances regarding supply of gas to Eastern India, particularly West Bengal. There is a talk among countries like Myanmar and Bangladesh that India will be getting gas from Myanmar. This has not matured. The Gas Authority of India has announced a plan to lay a gas pipeline from Jagdishpur to West Bengal and also from Kakinada to West Bengal which will go upto Haldia.

Sir, you know that in our State there is no fertilizer factory. There, only gas-based fertilizer factory is viable at the moment. Nor is there any gas-based power plant in our State. Gas is very necessary to revive the fertilizer factory. Gas is necessary also to set up gas-based power plant. Apart from that, all the chemical industries and the petro-chemical industries require gas for their viability.

I request, through you, the hon. Prime Minister and the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas to provide gas to West Bengal at an early date.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Sir, when I raised the same matter the other day, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas said that I was misleading the House.....* ...

MR. SPEAKER: This is not being recorded.

(Interruptions) ...*

MR. SPEAKER: I will find out. I thank you for pointing it out. That should not have been done.

... (Interruptions)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपको लगता है कि हम कोई काम नहीं करते। हर साइड से मैं मौका देता हूँ। मैं इससे इंकार नहीं कर रहा हूँ। अगर यहां से दिया, तो उन लोगों को भी तो थोड़ा मौका मिलना चाहिए। Everybody wants to speak at the same time.