

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GAS BASED PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up gas based projects in Southern States including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status of the Kakinada, Chennai-Tuticorin- Bangalore and Kochi gas transportation pipeline projects; and
- (d) the time by which the projects are likely to become operational?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): Decision to set up gas-based projects is taken after taking into consideration all the relevant factors. As per available information Department of fertilizer intends to convert Naphtha based fertilizer plants, namely, Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL), Chennai, Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd. (SPIC), Tuticorin, Mangalore Chemical & Fertilizers Ltd. (MCFL), Mangalore, The Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) Udyogmandalam, Kochi., into natural gas. Further, NTPC is taking up gas-based power project at Kayamkulam, Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): The status of pipelines is as under:-

i. Vijaywada-Nellore-Chennai Pipeline (by Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Ltd.): The approximate length of the pipeline is 445 km. This pipeline passes through the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and the completion scheduled of this pipeline is December 2012.

ii. Chennai-Tuticorin Pipeline (by RGTIL): The approximate length of the pipeline is 670 km. and is passing through the State of Tamil Nadu. This pipeline is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

iii. Chennai-Bengaluru-Mangalore Pipeline (by RGTIL) : This approximate length of this pipeline is 660 km and is passing through the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. This pipeline is scheduled to be completed by December 2012.

iv. Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bengaluru/Mangalore Pipeline (by GAL): The approximate length of this pipeline is 822 kms. and is passing through the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The pipeline completion schedule is synchronized with the completion of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal at Kochi which is expected to be completed by March 2012.