

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:55

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NATIONAL GAS HIGHWAYS

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

- (a) whether there is an urgent need for national gas highways on the lines of national highways in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has prepared any scheme to construct national gas highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government is considering levying of a small cess on natural gas to fund construction of national gas highway network; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): There is an existing natural gas transportation network in the country. The network has trunk pipelines of more than 9,000 km. The pipelines are owned and operated by Central & State Public Sector Undertakings, as also Private Companies. The pipeline network has to be further augmented to connect new sources of indigenous gas & Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to customers in new areas/states. As laying of natural gas trunk pipelines allows growth of natural gas-based industries, it spurs economic development in the area. Hence, efforts are being made to further develop natural gas transportation network in the country, while no specific scheme has been formulated by the Union Government for the same, as of now.

(d) & (e): No such proposal has been formulated by the Government.