

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

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SUBJECT GAS RESERVES IN KAVERI BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to utilise gas resources available in Kaveri basin for indigenous purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to lay gas pipeline infrastructure along the national highways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the nodal agency which will be carrying out such projects?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Gas produced from Kaveri Basin is to be utilized indigenously. Accordingly, the entire present production from KG basin is being utilized within the country.

(c) to (d): 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. Augmentation of trunk pipeline infrastructure would be implemented similarly, so as 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 plan has been formulated by the Government for the same, as of now.