

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2060  
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NATIONAL GAS HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board has rejected the proposal for creating a National Gas Highway Development Authority (NGHDA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the present status of setting up of National Gas Highway Development Authority?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Government has been considering the proposal of an institutional mechanism for development of long-distance Gas Highways leading to a National Gas Grid. Accordingly, the proposal of creating National Gas Highway Development Authority has been under examination. Proposal in this regard has been circulated amongst concerned Ministries/Departments/Organizations, including Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), for seeking their comments. In their comments, PNGRB has inter alia stated that the objectives of National Gas Highway Development Authority can be achieved with the mechanism available under the existing regulatory framework. The NGHDA is not in existence.