

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

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

- (a) the country-wise details of international gas pipelines approved till date;
- (b) the time by which the work of these gas pipelines is likely to be completed;
- (c) whether these gas pipelines will be able to meet the demand of natural gas in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Presently, after obtaining in-principle approval of the Government, import of natural is being pursued from Turkmenistan and Iran through Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline Project and Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project respectively. Various important issues concerning the projects are under discussion amongst the participating countries. Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country's interests and to avoid any problems in the future in the successful operation of the Projects. Implementation of the Projects would commence only after signing of agreements. As such, no definite time frame for completion of the Projects can be indicated at this stage.

(c) & (d): The gas likely to become available from import of natural gas under TAPI and IPI gas pipelines Projects will help in bridging the gap between demand and supply of natural gas in the coming years.