

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

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INVESTMENT BY GAIL FOR JAGDISHPUR-HALDIA PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has approved an investment of Rs. 7600 crore for a 2050 km pipeline from Jagdishpur to Haldia to meet the natural gas demands for various enroute consumers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the project schedule source of natural gas to meet the demands etc; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government is likely to meet the natural gas requirements of the country?

Answer

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

- (a): GAIL (India) Ltd has decided on an investment of around Rs.7596 crore for laying the Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline with provision for bi-directional flow. It envisages a trunk line of 811 km and spurline of 1260 km.
- (b): The completion of project activities is being synchronized with the start of gas supply through Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah pipeline. Production under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) from Krishna Godavari and Mahanadi basins is envisaged as gas source for the pipeline.
- (c) : Government is pursuing various options like Intensification in domestic Exploration & Production (E&P) activities through NELP rounds, Coal Bed Methane(CBM), Underground Coal Gasification, Shale Gas, Gas Hydrates, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Imports and gas imports through transnational gas pipelines for meeting the natural gas requirements of the country.