

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

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LAYING OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a policy for laying down oil and gas pipelines across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the policy entail that private land owners must give right of way to pipelines;
- (d) whether private land owners will be compensated through whose lands the pipelines pass;
- (e) whether there are any restrictions on the alienation of land traversed by oil and gas pipelines; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N SINGH)

(a) & (b): Government has enacted Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 to provide for establishment of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to regulate, inter alia, transportation, distribution, marketing and sale of petroleum, petroleum products & natural gas. The Board, either on basis of an application or on suo moto basis, forms an opinion that it is necessary or expedient to lay, build, operate or expand a pipeline and, subsequently, authorizes an entity for the same in accordance with the provisions of the Act & PNGRB's Regulations.

(c): The Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 empowers the Government to acquire the Right of User (ROU) in any land under which a pipeline has to be laid for transport of oil or gas. (d): The Act provides for compensation @ 10% of the market value of the land under RoU as determined by Competent Authority. Moreover, payment of compensation for damages, like removal of trees or standing crops and any other movable or immovable property, is also provided in the Act.

(e) & (f): In the land, whose RoU has been acquired under the said Act, constructing any building or any other permanent structure is prohibited. However, regular cultivation can be taken up in the land.