

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

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ALLOCATION OF NATURAL GAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recommended for allocation of gas for Cheemini Power Project in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the status of the recommendation;
- (c) the status of implementation of Gas Pipe Line network connecting Coimbatore and Mangalore within Cochin LPG Terminal;
- (d) whether there is any proposal for extension of Gas Pipe Line from Kayamkulam to Trivandrum; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Government of Kerala has recommended for allocation of domestic natural gas for Cheemini Power Project. Since the demand to meet the shortfall of existing plants in different sectors is more than the available gas, the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) on gas under NELP has decided that KG D-6 gas will be firstly allocated to existing plants and that there will be no reservation of gas.
- (c): GAIL (India) Ltd. is implementing Kochi- Kootanad- Bengaluru- Mangalor gas pipeline project, which will be connecting Kochi LNG terminal with Bengaluru & Mangalore via Coimbatore. The construction work of Phase-I is presently under progress, wherein pipeiines are being laid within Kochi city. The pipeline will be laid from Kochi to Bengaluru & Mangalore in Phase-II. Tendering work for Phase-II has started.
- (d) & (e): GAIL has completed survey for the route from Kayamkulam to Thiruvananthapuram and is examining its feasibility.