

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TAPI GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

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

- (a) whether all the beneficiary countries have signed the Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India (TAPI) gas pipeline project;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the project and the rates of the quantity of gas likely to be supplied to beneficiary countries per annum alongwith the pricing mechanism/parameters thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken into consideration the security aspect of the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of the project?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) and Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement (GPFA) under Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline Project were signed between the countries participating in the Project, including India in December 2010. Various important issues concerning the Project, including pricing are under discussion amongst the participating countries. Contractual agreements relating to the Project have not yet been signed. All the countries participating in the Project have guaranteed safety and security of pipeline passing through their respective territories in the Inter-Governmental Agreement(IGA). The issue of safeguards for ensuring security of supplies to India would be further addressed in contractual agreements.

The total capacity of the proposed pipeline is about 90 mmscmd and the length is about 1680 km. The length of pipeline in Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan up to India border is 145 km, 735 km and 800 km respectively. 90 million standard cubic meter per day (mmscmd) gas is proposed to be supplied by Turkmenistan, of which India and Pakistan would get 38 mmscmd each, whereas the balance 14 mmscmd would go to Afghanistan.