

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

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GAS PIPELINE FROM KOCHI TO KAYAMKULAM

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

- (a) the status of laying gas pipeline from Kochi to Kayamkulam;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to connect Kayamkulam Thermal Power Project in Kerala to National Gas Grid;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposal received from Government of Kerala for the purpose;
- (d) whether Gas Authority of India Limited has been asked to study the feasibility of extending gas pipeline from Kayamkulam to Trivandrum;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether Kannur district will be included as prime location for rendering the services of gas to customers from this project; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): GAIL has conceptualized to lay sub-sea pipeline from Kochi LNG terminal to NTPC Kayamkulam for transportation of Re-gasified LNG to NTPC's existing and proposed power plant. GAIL. The feasibility study, detailed off-shore survey, Rapid Marine Environment Impact Assessment (RMEIA), Rapid Risk Analysis (RRA) has been completed and Environment clearance is under progress.
- (b) & (c): No, Madam. National Gas Grid is not in existence. However, Government of Kerala has requested to extend the Kochi-Kayakulam pipeline upto Thiruvananthapuram.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f) & (g): Presently GAIL is executing Kochi- Kootanad -Mangalore -Bangalore pipeline which is passing through Kannur district of Kerala. The pipeline is planned to be laid in phases, and expected to be completed by 2013-14.