

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

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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 the Government has estimated the benefits of the proposed Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of TAPI Gas Pipeline Project;
- (c) the India's share of investment in the proposed Project; and
- (d) the time by which the Project is likely to be fully functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam.

Upon completion, TAPI Project envisages supply of 38 MMSCMD of gas to India. Natural gas is an efficient fuel for power generation, a cheaper feedstock for industries and a cleaner alternative fuel for vehicles. Accordingly TAPI completely integrates with India's energy management goals.

So far, the Inter Governmental Agreement, Gas Pipeline Framework Agreement and the Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement have been finalized. It has also been agreed to constitute a special purpose vehicle(TAPI Ltd.) to carry out pre project activities and to finalize an appropriate consortium leader for the Project.

(c) The initial equity contribution of India in the proposed SPV (TAPI Ltd.) would be USD 5 million. Further investments would be negotiated and decided upon the induction of Consortium Leader and after completion of the Feasibility Study.

(d) Commercial operation of TAPI Pipeline Project is expected to commence in 2017-18.