

**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 set up a Committee for the speedy implementation of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Asian Development Bank has agreed to assist the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details of terms and conditions thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. However, pursuant to the signing of the Inter-Governmental Agreement by the four countries(parties), the parties have formed a Minister level Steering Committee(SC) and Technical Working Group(TWG). So far, 16 SC meetings and 20 TWG meetings have been held.

(c) & (d) Asian Development Bank(ADB) is the Lead Development partner in the Project. During the 16th SC meeting held on 23rd September, 2012, ADB has agreed to taking up the Transaction Advisory activities provided the parties and ADB mutually agree to the terms and conditions.