

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

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

- (a) whether there has been delay in the execution of transnational pipeline projects, including the Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline, Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline and the Myanmar-Bangladesh-India gas pipeline;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): (i) In case of Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline, no progress has been made since 2008 as several critical issues like the project structure, delivery period of gas, safety and security, pricing etc. could not be addressed. Presently, the project is not under active consideration.
- (ii) In case of TAPI, Government of India is pursuing the pipeline project and the bilateral GSPAs have already been signed amongst the gas buyers and seller. Transaction Advisory Services Agreement between the four participating countries and Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been signed and ADB has been appointed as the Transaction Advisor (TA). The expected timeline for flow of gas in the TAPI pipeline from Turkmenistan is 2017.
- (iii) The Myanmar-Bangladesh-India gas pipeline project could not fructify as no gas could be tied up for the pipeline.