

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

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SETTING UP OF SOUTHERN GAS GRID  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to develop the concept of a Southern Gas Grid covering the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether there is no Gas Pipeline connectivity to Kerala for bringing Krishna-Godavari (KG) Gas or Gas from other sources;
- (c) if so, the time by which the Southern Gas Grid is likely to be set up; and
- (d) the extent to which it will be helpful to the Southern States including Kerala?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a): Gas pipelines are laid according to gas availability and connect production & consumption centers. A network of trunk gas pipelines is being laid connecting inter alia customers in the southern part of the country to various sources of natural gas.
- (b): GAIL (India) Ltd. has been authorized to construct Kochi-Kanjirkod-Bengaluru-Mangalore trunk natural gas pipeline to transport Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) from Kochi LNG terminal to inter alia customers in Kerala.
- (c) & (d): Government has authorized GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) & Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Ltd. (RGTIL) for laying inter alia the following pipelines, which would connect Southern parts of the country:-

GAIL (India) Limited

# Kochi-Kanjirkod-Bengaluru-Mangalore

# Dabhol-Bengaluru

RGTIL

# Kakinada - Nellore - Chennai

# Chennai - Bengaluru - Mangalore

# Chennai - Tuticorin

As per the information received from GAIL & RGTIL, all these pipelines are expected to be completed by 2012-13. These pipelines would enable existing non-gas based plants, to convert to natural gas, apart from creation of new gas-based projects, in Southern states, including Kerala.