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Title: Need to set up gas pipeline connection system to supply cooking gas to the local people in Karimganj, Assam in view of reported discovery of huge gas reserve in the district.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to raise a matter of urgent public importance.

My Parliamentary Constituency, Karimganj is located in the southern part of Assam. It is bounded by Bangladesh on north and west, Mizoram on east; and Tripura on south. Karimganj town is a very remote town in the map of India with so many problems. So, for the interest of the people of Karimganj as well as our national income, I am speaking about use of one discovery made by ONGC *vide* Notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. ONGC Srikuna has discovered a huge gas reserve at Patharia in the district of Karimganj.

Madam, Patharia is just 7 kilometre away from Karimganj town; and for the interest of the local people, it is necessary to set up a gas pipeline connection system to provide the cooking gas connection at low cost. As a result, ONGC will earn a lot of revenue. Local economy will also be strengthened. Above all, the Government will be able to save valuable foreign exchange. In future, we can extend the same to the other nearest city like Hailankandi, etc. The Government can set up the gas turbine project to generate power, which is one of the most essential needs of day-to-day life of our nation. Thank you.