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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 196

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North East Gas Pipeline Grid

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved North East Gas Pipeline Grid, if so, the details thereof along with the States of the North East Region through which this gas will pass;
- (b) the details of public sector units which are involved in this joint venture;
- (c) whether these projects have not been found viable by the consortium due to lesser number of customers out of project cost and if so, the total fund likely to be financed by the Government and the total amount so far sanctioned by the Government;
- (d) the extent to which these projects are likely to ensure smooth supply of CNG, PNG and Oil in the North Eastern Region and the details of benefits that the North East States including Tripura will get out of this pipeline grid project along with the time by which the work on this project will start and be completed; and
- (e) the details of other projects going on in North East for supply of Oil and Gas?

ANSWER

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**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c) Government has approved the North East Gas Grid project of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) / Capital Grant at 60% (Rs.5,559

crore) of the estimated cost of Rs.9,265 crore. This 1,656 km long North East Gas Grid will connect eight North-Eastern states i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim. M/s IGGL is a joint venture company of five oil and gas Central Public Sector Enterprises i.e. Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Oil India Limited, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, GAIL (India) Limited and Numaligarh Refinery Limited.

(d) The establishment of natural gas grid in north-eastern part of the country will help in ushering gas based economy in the North-Eastern Region of the country. This project will supply of natural gas to fertilizer sector, power sector, CGD network, refineries and industrial & commercial establishments in the north-eastern part of the country. Further, development of CGD networks in the North-East States en-route the pipeline project will provide access of PNG/CNG for households in these cities and will cover a large population. This will also reduce the usage of kerosene, wood, LPG, petrol/diesel and, *inter-alia*, will improve the standards of living of people in the region also by reducing pollution. Project activities are under way and for a project of this nature, a precise date for completion cannot be indicated at this stage in view of the administrative, environmental, land and terrain issues involved.

(e) Apart from North East Gas Grid Pipeline Project, several infrastructure projects have been taken up by the Oil & Gas companies which *inter-alia* include gas pipeline, gas compressor stations, secondary tank farm project, refinery projects, petroleum product depots and LPG bottling plants.