

Improvement of gas pipeline infrastructure in A.P.

2778. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any strategy to improve the infrastructure of gas pipeline and other related facilities in Andhra Pradesh which will cater the needs of industries, power plants and City Gas Distribution (CGD) Networks; and

(b) the details of steps taken for establishment of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Importation Terminal in the coast of Andhra Pradesh so as to narrow the gap between the demand and supply position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There is a 1460 km long East-West pipeline (EWPL), owned and operated by M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) passing through the State of Andhra Pradesh and 878 km long KG Basin regional network, owned and operated by GAIL (India) Limited, in the State of Andhra Pradesh to cater the gas requirement of various sectors. In order to expand the gas pipeline infrastructure and to complete the National Gas Grid, PNGRB has authorized certain pipelines of which, following pipeline sections will pass through the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Name of the pipeline	Authorized entity	Length (in kms)
Kakinada-Vizag-Srikakulam pipeline	M/s Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Limited (APGDCL)	391
Mallavaram-Bhopal-Bhilwara via Vijaipur pipeline	M/s GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL)	2042
Ennore-Nellore pipeline	KEI-RSOS	430

(b) Government has no direct role in setting up of LNG terminals. Decision to set up LNG terminals is taken by companies based on techno-commercial considerations. Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) has planned to set up LNG terminal at Gangavarm Port and Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation (APGDC), a Joint Venture company of GAIL Gas Limited and Andhra Pradesh Gas Infrastructure Corporation Limited (APGIC), is contemplating a Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) in Kakinada in collaboration with GDF Suez and Shell.