

Gat pipeline between Jagdishpur and Haldia

1426. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the progress made by GAIL in laying a gas pipeline from Jagdishpur in Uttar Pradesh to Haldia in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): Based on preliminary study, GAIL proposes to lay a natural gas pipeline from Jagdishpur in UP to Haldia in West Bengal. However, the progress of the pipeline project is dependent on the sourcing of gas and down stream marketing tie-ups.

Hike in price of gas

†1427. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by the Group of Ministers with regard to the hike in the prices of gas;

(b) by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government have received a representation from the Government of Gujarat in which it has been requested that State Government's representation may be considered before taking a final decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Group of Ministers, which was constituted in December 2002, have, after various meetings, recommended the following:

(I) Reference to Tariff Commission to determine producer price of gas for ONGC and OIL, and transportation tariff of GAIL'S HBJ pipeline. The Tariff Commission to submit report within six months.

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