

(b) TPCL has decided to have 56 inch diameter pipeline with a total estimated length of 1814 km and will transport 90 MMSCMD of natural gas, of which 38 MMSCMD is for India.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is US \$15 billion according to the ADB commissioned report. ADB is the Transaction Advisor for the project. The overall TAPI project duration is estimated to be 6¾ years from the start of the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) process till handing over of the pipeline for commercial operation.

(d) As per the Inter-Governmental Agreement, signed on 11th December 2010 among the four participating countries, the Parties have guaranteed the security and safety of that part of the TAPI Pipeline crossing their respective territories.

#### **Domestic LPG users**

2352. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data for the domestic LPG users in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) maintain data relating to domestic LPG consumers and, as on 16.03.2017, there are 19.73 crore active LPG domestic customers in the country.

#### **National LPG coverage**

2353. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target to provide 50 million LPG connections over a period of three years to poor households with a budgetary support of ₹ 8,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 15 million target for 2016-17 was achieved in less than eight months;

(c) whether Government has increased the national LPG coverage to 70 per cent and it may even reach 85 per cent in two years' time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?