

Allocation of funds to JHBDPL

3809. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to connect the Eastern part of the country with National Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved partial grant to Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL), the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has envisaged to develop additional 15000 km. gas pipelines for completion of National Gas Grid and to increase the availability of natural gas across the country. The Government has taken a decision to provide a capital grant of ₹ 5176 crore (*i.e.* 40% of the estimated capital cost of ₹ 12,940 crore) to GAIL for development of a 2539 km. long Jagdishpur-Haldia/Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project, popularly known as the “Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga” of Eastern India. This project will ensure the availability of clean and eco-friendly fuel, *i.e.* natural gas to the Eastern parts of the country. It will also bring clean cooking fuel at the door step of Domestic households as well as provide clean fuel to transport sector through City Gas Distribution Networks (CGDs) in the Geographical Areas (GAs) of Varanasi, Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Cuttack.

Jammers at petrol pumps, LPG and CNG centres

3810. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install jammers or disturbance devices in the premises of petrol pumps, LPG and CNG centres across the country to avoid any untoward incidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken for the security of the consumers as well as for the employees of petrol pumps, LPG and CNG stations from any accidents caused by mobile phone users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Petroleum and