

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2537
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

Gas-based economy

2537 Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the significant steps being taken by Government to strengthen the infrastructure of “Gas-based economy”; and
- (b) the quantum of financial expenditure that would be incurred by Government for the same, the details thereof?

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

(a) Gas based economy is contingent with creating necessary Gas infrastructure viz. LNG terminals, Nationwide Gas Grid and City Gas Distribution networks to increase the availability and accessibility of natural gas to public at large. Further, Gas Trading Exchange has been set up for localized price discovery. Also, “Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT)” scheme was launched on 1st October 2018 wherein Oil and Gas Marketing Companies (OGMCs) are inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) from potential entrepreneur to procure Compressed Bio Gas (CBG).

(b) To enhance the availability of natural gas across the country especially in the Eastern & North-Eastern part of the country are to be connected through Jagdishpur-Haldia/Boakro-Dhamra Pipeline project. Government is providing Capital Grant of Rs. 5,176 Crores Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to GAIL for the development of this pipeline project. Further, to extend the gas grid to each States of North-East and Sikkim, a Joint Venture (JV) company, namely Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd (IGGL) has been formed. Government is also providing VGF as Capital Grant (Rs. 5559 crore) to IGGL.
