

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 454**  
**ANSWERED ON 06<sup>TH</sup> February, 2023**

**Oil exploration and gas pipeline in Mizoram**

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Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to construct oil depot at Bairabi and Sihhmui in Mizoram;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to extract natural gas at Meidum Vilage, Kolasib District, Mizoram; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan of GAIL gas pipeline to reach Aizawl, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

- (a) Opening of new Oil Depot by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies is a continuous process and is dependent on the economic viability of the Depot based on general supply & demand scenario of the region, keeping in view any strategic reason and optimization study to achieve overall reduction in the cost of supplies.  
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) has informed that the land offered by Government of Mizoram at Sihhmui for setting up Oil Depot has been found feasible. Further process of setting up of Oil Depot at Sihhmui is dependent on acquisition and handing over of land by Government of Mizoram.
- (b) A hydrocarbon gas discovery was notified by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in Meidum village, District Kolasib, Mizoram on 05.01.2012 in New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) block AA-ONN-201/2. Commerciality of this discovery has not been established so far.
- (c) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board(PNGRB) has authorized Indraprastha Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) to lay North East Gas Grid, including laying of Natural gas pipeline connecting Aizawl.

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