

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2221  
ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

**KAKINADA-VIZAG-SRIKAKULAM NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**

2221 SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) the time when Kakinada-Vizag-Srikakulam natural gas pipeline was conceived;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the pipeline was to be completed in June 2021;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the delay in completing the pipeline; and
- (d) by when it is going to be completed?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d) Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorized Kakinada-Vizag-Srikakulam Natural Gas Pipeline (KSPL) to Andhra Pradesh Gas Distribution Corporation Limited (APGDC) on 16.07.2014. Target date of the completion for Kakinada to Vizag section of KSPL was 30.06.2021 and Vizag to Srikakulam section was 30.06.2022. However, on the request of APGDC for extension of the completion schedule on account of COVID-19 pandemic, difficulties in execution due to monsoon, funding issues etc., PNGRB has extended the completion schedule of KSPL upto June, 2024.

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