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GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a) the present status of natural gas pipeline projects in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) whether there have been delays in the construction of these pipeline projects;
- (c) the time by when the pipeline projects under construction are expected to be functional along with its likely impact on the domestic supply of Liquefied Natural Gas in the country; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by Government to meet the future natural gas requirements in the State of West Bengal?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (c) The present status of Natural Gas pipeline projects passing through the State of West Bengal is as under:

| S.No. | Pipeline Project | Total Length | Length in West Bengal (Km) | Anticipated Completion | Status |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 1 | Dobhi Durgapur Pipeline Project | 482 | 212 | Commissioned | Entire Pipeline Commissioned. |
| 2 | Durgapur Haldia Pipeline Project | 294 | 294 | June 2024 | Work is under execution. |
| 3 | Barauni-Guwahati Pipeline Project | 717 | 190 | October 2023 | 81 Km pipeline section in West Bengal Commissioned. Balance section (109 Km) is mechanically completed. |
| 4 | DhamraHaldia Pipeline Project | 253 | 99 | June 2024 | Work is under execution in West Bengal Section. |

Expansion of pipeline infrastructure is a continuous process based on gas demand assessment of various regions. The pipeline projects have been taken up as per the timeline prescribed by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). The existing and upcoming pipelines make up a basic national gas grid in the country and will increase the availability of natural gas across the country.

Gross domestic production of natural gas has increased from 28,673 MMSCM in 2020-21 to 34,450 MMSCM in 2022-23. India imported 26,304 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters (MMSCM) Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) during 2022-23. At present, the country has 7 operational LNG re-gasification terminals with combined capacity of approx. 47.7 Million Metric Tons Per Annum (MMTPA).

(d) Providing Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections and establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations are part of the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) and the same is carried out by the entities authorised by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). PNGRB has authorised 10 Geographical Areas (GAs) covering entire state of West Bengal. As on 31.05.2023, 376 PNG connections have been provided and 72 CNG stations have been established in the state of West Bengal.
