

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2907**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.3.2017**

**VIABILITY GAP FUNDING FOR PIPELINE PROJECTS**

**2907. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:**

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

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested for Viability Gap Funding for successful completion of cross country pipeline projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (तंत्र प्रभारस्व)

(श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान (

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b) : Two Cross Country pipeline projects, viz. Mallavaram-Bhopal-Bhilwara-Vijaypur Pipeline (MBBVPL) and Mehsana-Bhatinda-Jammu-Srinagar Pipeline (MBSPL) are being implemented by Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) led consortium (GSPL-52%, IOCL – 26%, BPCL – 11% and HPCL – 11%), through two separate Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) viz., GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) for developing a 2100km long MBSPL project at the cost of Rs. 6400 crore and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) for developing a 1800 km long MBBVPL project at the cost of about Rs. 6500 crore. Though both these projects have been awarded by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) through bidding route, the Government of Gujarat requested this Ministry in October, 2016 to provide Viability Gap Funding to GSPL led consortium's SPVs. Keeping in view the Government's focus on promotion of gas based economy and development of gas infrastructure including natural gas grid in the country, this Ministry has recommended the request of Government of Gujarat to Ministry of Finance.

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