

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1468

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

GAIL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

1468. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

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(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the GAIL gas pipeline project in Tamil Nadu without compromising the interests of farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): Kochi-Kootanad-Bengaluru-Mangaluru Pipeline (KKBMPL) is being executed by GAIL in two sections. The construction work in section Kochi-Kootanad-Mangaluru is at advanced stage in the state of Kerala. Another section i.e. 434 Km Kootanad-Bangaluru is passing through the state of Tamilnadu wherein resistance from farmers/land owners/farmers association has been observed. This section is targeted to be completed within 30 months from availability of hindrance free RoU.

Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) has constituted an Expert Committee. In order to take the matter forward, officers of this Ministry, along with GAIL's Senior Management have had five rounds of discussions with the officers of GoTN. As advised by GoTN during the said discussions, GAIL is taking necessary steps for spreading the awareness about the usage of natural gas among the people including landowners/farmers of Tamil Nadu as well as benefits of natural gas over alternate fuels and has also appointed a Public Relation (PR) Agency. GAIL has also taken farmers from Hosur taluka of Krishnagiri district for an exposure visit to see the Dhabol-Bangaluru Pipeline.
