

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1562

TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

VIABILITY GAP FUNDING

1562. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

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

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(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 मंत्री (श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of Gujarat in the month of October, 2016 has requested the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG), to consider a capital grant of 40% to GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) for the development of Mehsana – Bhatinda - Jammu-Srinagar Pipeline (MBSPL) and Mallavaram – Bhopal – Bhilwara - Vijaipur Pipeline (MBBVPL) projects and also grant of authorization for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis on the lines of support provided to GAIL for its Jagdishpur - Haldia and Bokaro - Dhamra natural gas pipeline project.

However, prior to above, the Government of Gujarat had also approached the Ministry of Finance for financial support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to GITL for execution of MBBVPL project. 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.
