

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 164**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**  
**Pipeline owned by GAIL**

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पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the total kilometre pipeline in possession of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) at present and whether GAIL proposes to expand its pipeline network;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to hive off GAIL's pipeline business and allot it to any new company, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether GAIL is failing in running the pipeline business smoothly at present, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether GAIL is working on any pipeline project in Bihar and if so, the present status of the said project along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) GAIL is currently operating about 12,200 km Natural Gas Pipeline Network and about 2,000 km Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipeline network in the country. At present, GAIL is implementing approximately 6000 km. of pipeline projects including capacity augmentation of existing pipeline, replacement of old pipeline, customer connectivity projects etc.
- (b) The Government has been making concerted efforts to bring policy reforms aimed towards market based gas pricing regime for domestic gas by linking it with the global gas markets as well as by providing marketing and pricing freedom to gas producers from difficult fields to attract investment in E&P activities and enhance gas production. With a

view to promote transparency and competition in the gas marketing, Government in-principle believes that gas transmission and marketing should be two separate functions and has been taking appropriate decisions from time to time in this direction.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Section-1 of Jagdishpur Haldia Bokaro Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL), which is passing through Bihar (418 km) has been commissioned. Part of Section-2B (Dobhi-Durgapur pipeline) of JHBDPL (18 km) and part of Barauni-Guwahati pipeline (276 km), which are also passing through Bihar are at various stages of implementation/commissioning. City Gas Distribution Network at Patna has also been commissioned.

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