

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9.12.2019

Status of GAIL Projects

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

- (a) the current status of the GAIL project, Kochi-Koottanad-Bengaluru-Mangaluru Pipeline (KKBMPL) in Kerala;
- (b) the work completed so far, including the total stretch of the pipeline and the target dates for completion;
- (c) whether the reasons for delays include land-acquisition protest and natural calamities like floods and if so, the measures taken by the Government; and
- (d) the final cost of the project?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) GAIL is laying Kochi-Koottanad-Bangalore-Mangalore Natural Gas Pipeline (KKBMPL) which passes through Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. GAIL has informed that Phase-I of the project has been completed in August, 2013 in Kerala and as on date in Phase-II, welding and lowering of pipeline for 444 km in Kerala has been completed except two major river crossings. Kochi to Koottanad section (96 km) has been commissioned in June, 2019 and another 47 km of this section is ready for commissioning.

Initially pipeline laying contracts were awarded in January, 2012 and construction works started in February, 2012. However, construction works were stopped in year 2013 due to severe resistance against Right of User (RoU) opening in Kerala. Subsequently in 2015, with support from Government of Kerala, construction activities were re-commenced from September / October, 2017 onwards. Further, Kochi-Koottanad-Mangalore section has been

severely affected with unprecedented floods during August-September, 2018 which resulted in delay of projects.

(d) The expected final cost of this project is Rs. 4,915 crore.