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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3345  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019

**TAPI Gas Pipeline Project**

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पैट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) the status of completion of the 1,814 km transboundary Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India (TAPI) gas pipeline project;
- (b) the commercial and security challenges being faced by the countries in its construction and operationalisation;
- (c) the details of the capacity of the pipeline in terms of the natural gas it would transport along with country-wise shares of each beneficiary nation; and
- (d) whether India's participation in TAPI project would be affected by the uncertain political situation in Afghanistan?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The TAPI Pipeline Company Limited (TPCL), the Pipeline Consortium of national gas companies of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, is coordinating with the stakeholders to conclude various agreements for setting up the TAPI gas pipeline. TPCL informed about the progress of the project at the 25<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting held at Mary, Turkmenistan, in March 2018, and subsequently to the participating countries in the Pipeline project.

(b) to (d): As per the Inter-Governmental Agreement signed on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 among the four participating countries, the Parties have guaranteed the security and safety of that part of the TAPI Pipeline crossing their respective territories. The proposed 1849 km TAPI Pipeline is expected to carry 90 MMSCMD of natural gas, of which India and Pakistan are estimated to receive 38 MMSCMD each (likely to increase to 43 – 44.25 MMSCMD) and Afghanistan will receive 1.5 – 4 MMSCMD.

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