

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1183
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

Viability Gap Funding

1183. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for providing capital grants/viability gap funding for GSPL India Gasnet Limited (GIGL) and GSPL India Transco Limited (GITL) along with grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis on the lines of support provided to GAIL Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (c) This Ministry had received a request from Government of Gujarat to consider providing Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for two cross country pipeline projects viz. Mallavaram-Bhopal-Bhilwara-Vijaypur Pipeline (MBBVPL) and Mehsana-Bhatinda-Jammu-Srinagar Pipeline (MBSPL) by Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) led consortium (GSPL-52%, IOCL-26%, BPCL-11% and HPCL-11%) along with grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis. The proposal was forwarded to Ministry of Finance.

With respect to grant of license for development of City Gas Distribution networks on nomination basis, the request was forwarded to Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) being the authority to grant authorization to the entities for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network for their comments. PNGRB has informed that as per PNGRB CGD Authorization Regulation, 2008 and PNGRB Act, 2006 does not provide for authorization on nomination basis.