

Reply to Parliament Question No 3982 for 19.12.2024 for Lok Sabha regarding “Kerosene Allocation for Karnataka” in respect of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL):

Q no. (a): the details of the funds allocated and disbursed for kerosene across districts of Karnataka during FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25;

Reply: Ministry to reply.
[NRL has not allocated and disbursed any funds for kerosene across districts of Karnataka during FY2023-24 and FY 2024-25.]

Q no. (b): whether the Government has taken any steps for oil exploration across the country and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (c): whether the Government has entered into international agreements with foreign countries for joint venture in petroleum and natural gas exploration, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Ministry to reply.

Q no. (d): whether there are any ongoing projects regarding transportation of the natural gas from 27 natural gas rich countries to India through pipelines, if so, the details thereof; and

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[NRL is a promoter with 20% equity share in the JV company Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) which is implementing the North East Gas Grid project. The project will connect all North East State capitals to the National Gas Grid.

Details of the project is as follows:

- a. Project Cost - Rs. 9,265 Cr
- b. Viability Gap Funding – Rs. 5,559 crores
- c. Length of pipeline network – 1,656 km
- d. Pipeline throughput – 4.75 mmscmd
- e. Anticipated completion – March, 2025

Once implemented the project will ensure smooth supply of NG to all the NE states and help in ushering the states into Gas based economy and will help in rapid industrial development of the states.]

Q no. (e): whether Indian companies have started acquiring strategic petroleum assets across other countries, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of strategies undertaken to use petroleum as strategic asset?

Reply: Ministry to reply.

[NRL has not acquired any strategic petroleum assets across other countries. However, NRL has implemented 130 KM length and 1.0 MMTPA capacity pipeline from NRL's Siliguri Terminal to Parbatipur depot of Bangladesh and was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM of India, Sri Narendra Modi & Hon'ble PM of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL). The pipeline was set up with grant-in-aid of Rs. 285 crore for the Bangladesh portion of the pipeline. NRL has registered Liaison Office in Dhaka, Bangladesh Diesel is transported based on requirements and indents placed by M/s Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.]

Note for Supplementary:

Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is a Public Sector Enterprise with a 3.0 MMTPA petroleum refinery at Numaligarh in Golaghat district of Assam. Present shareholding pattern of NRL is Oil India Limited (OIL) – 69.63%, Govt. of Assam (GoA) – 26% and Engineers India Ltd (EIL) – 4.37%.
