

Murli Deora Asks For Quicker Construction Of Pipelines To New Areas

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Shri Murli Deora, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas has said that a programme to expeditiously construct trunk pipelines to carry natural gas to new areas should be taken up. The Minister, holding a meeting with the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) underlined that the Ministry and the Regulator should jointly endeavor to ensure the same. Production of natural gas in the country would be doubling in the coming few months. The availability of LNG is also expanding. It is necessary to ensure that the gas so available should expeditiously reach areas where it is to be consumed. The Minister also discussed the future line of action to be taken by the Board, so as to ensure that the benefits of numerous developments in the field of petroleum & natural gas actually flow to the common man. The Minister felt that attempts should be made to seek solutions for vexatious issues through a process of consultation.

Shri Deora suggested that the Ministry and the Regulator should jointly create a roadmap to roll out City Gas Distribution Projects to greater number of cities, synchronizing with increase in production of natural gas and development of pipeline infrastructure. He clarified that this is a priority for the Government. The Minister made it clear that the touchstone of these activities would be promptness and efficiency in carrying the fruits of developments in the field of natural gas to the common man. Supply of CNG to transport sector and PNG to households would go a long way to ensure safe, cheap, and clean fuel to the users and to reduce Government subsidy.

The meeting also attended among others by MoS (PNG) Shri Jitin Prasada reviewed the activities of PNGRB and the actions undertaken by them till now. Secretary (PNG) Shri R.S. Pandey and other officials of the Ministry, the Chairperson, PNGRB Shri L. Mansingh and all the members, viz., Shri B.S. Negi, Shri L.K.Singhvi, Smt. Sudha Mahalingam & Dr. Y.P.S. Dangay were also present in the meeting.