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UP Government agrees to constitute high power committee for GAIL's Jagdishpur - Haldia pipeline

Committee to provide Single Window Clearance to boost speedy implementation

'Energy Highway' to help revive FCI, Gorakhpur plant; CGD networks to be built in Varanasi, Allahabad, etc.

Lucknow, December 9, 2014: Giving a boost to the speedy implementation of GAIL (India) Limited's Jagdishpur – Haldia natural gas pipeline project in Uttar Pradesh, the state Government has agreed to constitute a high power committee to provide Single Window Clearance for the pipeline construction activities.

During a presentation on the pipeline project, GAIL highlighted that the pipeline will bring growth in UP as the fertilizer plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India at Gorakhpur may be revived with Central Government support. Further, new City Gas Distribution networks are expected to come up in Varanasi, Allahabad, Azamgarh, Gorakhpur, etc., depending on the potential of the city. This will contribute in generating additional revenue for the state Government.

The decision to set up the committee was taken at a meeting between senior state Government and GAIL officials held here which was presided over by Shri Alok Ranjan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Ashutosh Karnatak, Director (Projects), GAIL, who headed the GAIL team, apprised about existing as well as upcoming infrastructure of GAIL in UP.

For timely execution of the project, GAIL requested for support from the UP Government and it was agreed to constitute the high power committee consisting of officials of various departments for Single Window Clearance. The committee will help in securing various statutory clearances like forest, environments, PWD, irrigation, industries, etc., and also give administrative support for the pipeline construction activities.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary declared that Shri Sanjiv Saran, IAS, Principal Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, UP would be nodal officer to co-ordinate all the activities related to Jagdishpur – Haldia pipeline project. The nodal officer will review the activities on fortnightly basis.

GAIL's 2,050 km Jagdishpur – Haldia natural gas pipeline will serve as the 'Energy Highway' to carry the efficient and environment-friendly fuel to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal.