

**Press Information Bureau
Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas**

20-November-2014 16:20 IST

19th round of TAPI Steering Committee

The Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan attended the 19th round of TAPI Steering Committee Meeting in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan today. The meeting, which was attended by Petroleum Ministers of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India, made progress towards realisation of the TAPI gas pipeline project.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) which is the Transaction Advisor to facilitate the project also participated in the meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held in February 2015 in Islamabad. It was also agreed that remaining issues will be addressed before the meeting. All sides agreed that steps will be taken to start the project by 2015.

MJPS/rk