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Meeting of the Petroleum Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan with the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan

The Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan met the Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan Mr. Baymurat Hojamammedov today. They followed up on the meeting held between the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the President of Turkmenistan during the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to Turkmenistan on 10-11 July, 2015.

The two sides discussed various aspects of collaboration between the two countries in the field of hydrocarbons and agreed to work with greater commitment to enhance bilateral energy ties. They also agreed to explore further possibilities of Indian Companies participating in the Turkmen hydrocarbon sector and the opening of a Fertilizer and Petrochemical Plants in Turkmenistan. They reiterated their commitments towards the TAPI project and promised to work towards the early commencement of the project.

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