

# Indian company to supply gas pipes

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**DHAKA, JAN 9:** To transport additional gas, which would be produced by Bibiyan and Jalalabad gas fields and potential new gas field of Sunetra, Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL), a subsidiary of Petrobangla, on Sunday signed a contract with Mann Industries Ltd, an Indian company, for procuring of pipes.

Aiming to tap new gas from these three fields, the ECNEC approved a Tk. 1,600-crore project to instal a 36-inch 137 km gas transmission line on November 15 to supply more gas to Dhaka and the western zone.

"This is the first of its kind in the country's gas sector, as we do not have 36-inch line," Mohammad Mijbhauddin, secretary in the energy and mineral resources division, said. He said

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it is optimistic but the aim is to fulfil it with courage and enthusiasm.

To mark of the occasion, the ministry organised a media briefing at Ruposhi Bangla hotel.

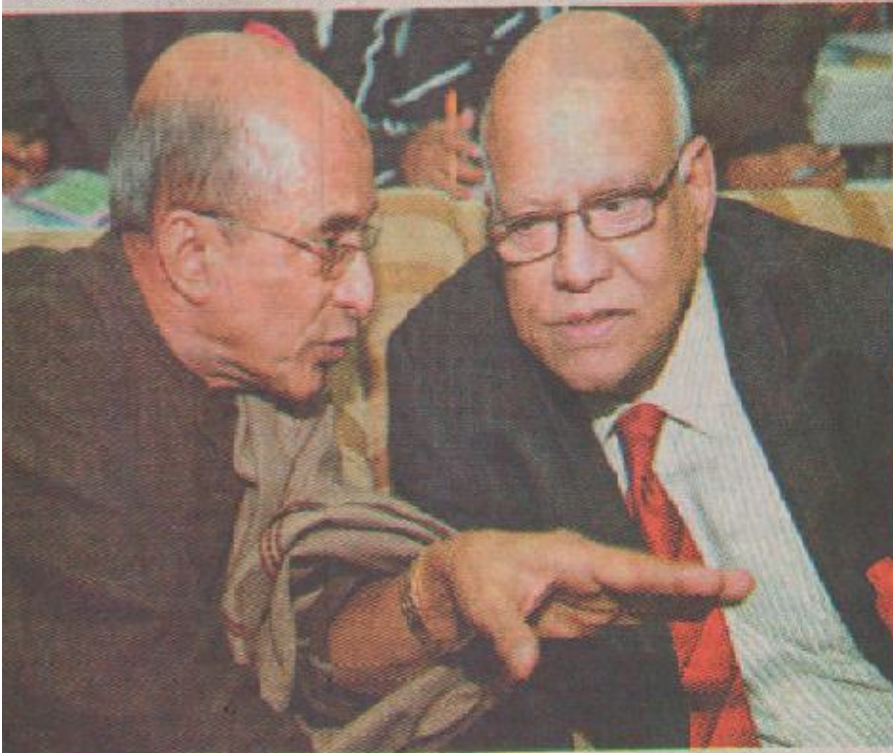
Mohammad Yunus, secretary of the GTCL, and Sanjib Day, representative of the Mann group, have signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, finance minister, Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, adviser to the Prime Minister, Enamul Haq, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, Subid Ali

Bhuiyan, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on power, energy and mineral resources, Sayed Yusuf Hossain, chairman of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Dr Hossain Monsur, chairman of Petrobangla, Aminul Islam, managing director of GTCL, and top officials of Petrobangla and the energy ministry were present on the occasion.

"We are still in a crisis. But if we compare the present with the past, we can see for ourselves the task performed by officials in the last three years," Muhith said. He said the energy sector will be stable by the end of 2013.

"The government is a system. What the government does today, will produce results tomorrow. We hope that we will be able to provide a comfortable status for the next government," he added.



**DHAKA:** Energy Advisor Dr Tawfik-e-Elahi making a point to Finance Minister AMA Muhith on Monday before the signing of an accord with an Indian company for constructing a 137km gas pipeline. PHOTO: NAYEM AHMED JULHAS