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**IPOH:** Manufacturers in Lahat could soon get piped-in gas supply. The International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) agreed in principle to give priority to Perak to install the gas pipes from Ayer Tawar, Sitiawan to Lahat.

"We have been pushing for it (piped gas supply) and we hope the Federal Government will give due consideration to our request," Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir said after the state executive council meeting here yesterday.

"We will have to discuss further with other relevant parties, including Gas Malaysia."

It was reported previously that the state government had appealed to the Federal Government to make the supply of piped gas available to industries in the Kinta Valley.

The request was made following calls from local manufacturing industries, including the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, noting that the availability of the piped gas could further spur economic growth in the state.

Dr Zambry said the pipes from Sitiawan to Lahat would be about 68km long and could stand to benefit "hundreds" of manufacturers in the Lahat industrial area.

"There should not be any problems with land matter as the pipes would be built on reserve land. This is just part of our proposal to Miti to conduct an industrial area re-zoning process in the state," he added.

Dr Zambry also said that he, the state exco and several department heads met with the Finance Ministry, Miti and Public Works Ministry last week to discuss development and economic plans for the state.

The meetings, he said, went well and the state had conveyed its proposals to the respective ministries.