

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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GAS BASED INDUSTRIES  
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are several gas based industries in the Northern Gujarat;
- (b) if so, whether these industries are not getting adequate gas for running them smoothly;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to tackle the situation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Some units in this region are facing shortage of gas.

(c) & (d): The current availability of natural gas from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) fields is less than the allocation made to consumers in North Gujarat. ONGC under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has taken various steps to augment the production of gas by way of development of the existing and new fields and containing the flaring of gas.