

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3854
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS
V. VETRISELVAN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated quantity of Natural Gas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up Gas pipeline in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3854 for answer on 13.12.2001 regarding Availability of Natural Gas

(a): The estimated quantity of natural gas reserves in the onland areas operated by National Oil Companies (NOCs) and private/joint venture companies as on 1.4.2001 is 307.36 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).

The State-wise details are as under:-

State Natural Gas Reserves (BCM)

Gujarat	89.49
Rajasthan	4.24
Assam	125.31
Tripura	24.10
Nagaland	0.12
Andhra Pradesh	39.65
Arunachal Pradesh	2.50
Tamil Nadu	21.94

(b) & (c): Around 120 Kilometer natural gas pipeline network is already under operation by Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) in the Cauvery basin in Tamil nadu. The details of new pipelines coming up in this region are given below:-

Sl. Description Detail of the new Project
No.

1.Cauvery basin phase-II Total 15.8 Km. pipeline from sizes 4` through`
12` and associated facilities CDD (TNEB Perunglam): 30.4.2002.

2.Pipeline to PPN Power plant 18`, 36 km pipeline from Kuthalam GGC to PPN Power
plant CDD: 1.7.2002(FB)

3.Cauvery Basin-Karaikal region Total 19 Km pipeline from sizes 4` thro` 6` and associated facilities to the following consumers

- (i) Sunder Raja Mills (CDD 15.7.2002)
- (ii) Regency Ceramics (CDD 15.7.2002)
- (iii) MM Steels (CDD 15.12.2002)

As far as Private/joint ventures are concerned, the operator of offshore gas field PY-1 is negotiating with different gas consumers including Tamil Nadu Electricity Board for supply of gas from the field for the past two years. The scheme sector will be decided after any gas sales agreement is finalized.

(d): Does not arise.