

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

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AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of natural gas available as on July 31, 2003 in Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of units in Maharashtra which has been allocated the natural gas as on July 31, 2003;
- (c) the details of units in Maharashtra which are not consuming gas inspite of allocation; and
- (d) the details of applications for natural gas pending as on July 31, 2003 in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

- (a) After processing for extraction of value added liquid products and meeting the internal consumption requirements of ONGC, during the month of July, 2003 an average of 9.6 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) of gas was available to M/s GAIL (India) Limited for sale to consumers in Uran region in Mumbai.
- (b) Details of unit-wise gas allocation to different consumers in Maharashtra is given at Annexure.
- (c) In Mumbai region only M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) is not consuming gas w.e.f. 21.2.2003 against their allocation.
- (d) Application are received from time to time from different parts of the country including, Maharashtra for allocation of gas. However, as against allocated quantity of 16.6 MMSCMD, the average availability of natural gas in Maharashtra is only 9.6 MMSCMD as on July, 2003, necessitating pro-rata cut on the existing consumers. Therefore, fresh applications for allocation of natural gas in Mumbai region in Maharashtra are not being considered.