

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1627
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CNG ACTIVITIES BY GAIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the CNG is being continuously flared up at the isolated fields located nearby Jorhat, Sibsagar, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia Towns in the upper Assam;
- (b); if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c); whether the GAIL proposes to extend its CNG activities by using the Gas that is being flared; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b) There is no flaring in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) However, out of total 5.526 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) of natural Gas being produced by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) in the upper Assam area, 0.546 MMSCMD is flared. Process upsets and sudden fluctuation of demand; time lag between production and setting up of matching facilities for gas utilization; unavoidable technical flaring to maintain pilot flares to avert escape of unburnt gas into the atmosphere; and uneconomical integration of gas from small isolated fields with main gas grid mainly attribute to the flaring of gas in the area.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.