

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

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SUPPLY OF GAS TO POWER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has failed to keep the promise to deliver gas to the power plants;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure sufficient gas is being supplied to the power plants?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Against total allocations of APM (Administered Pricing Mechanism) gas of 38.61 MMSCMD to the existing power plants, GAIL's average supply of gas to these Plants was around 28 MMSCMD in first quarter of 2005-06. Besides APM gas, 2.5 MMSCMD of regasified LNG is also being supplied to the power sector at market prices. In view of the depletion of existing domestic gas supply sources, efforts are being made to augment through import and additional exploration the availability of natural gas in the country. These efforts include import of natural gas in the form of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)/through transnational pipelines, and increase in domestic availability of natural gas from NELP sources. The gas from new sources would, however, be available at market driven prices.