

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

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

- (a) the estimated overall domestic demand of LNG in the country at present;
- (b) whether the demand of LNG is met with domestic production; and
- (c) if not, the quantum of LNG imported annually to meet the demand?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As against the allocation of about 120 Million Standard cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) of natural gas, the supplies are about 66 MMSCMD only at Government Administered Price. In addition, 16 MMSCMD gas, including regassified LNG, is being supplied at market price. As per the Report "India Hydro Carbon Vision 2025", the demand for natural gas is expected to be about 231 MMSCMD in 2006-07. With recent gas discoveries in KG Basin and other regions, the availability of gas from domestic sources is expected to further increase.

(c): Import of natural gas, in the form of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), has started during the current year. The present annual LNG import is 2.5 MMTPA (9 MMSCMD) by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) at Dahej LNG Terminal. The capacity of Dahej LNG Terminal is 5 MMTPA (18 MMSCMD). Full quantity of 5 MMTPA LNG will be imported by PLL from the year 2005. Additional 2.5 MMTPA of LNG import is expected by M/s Shell International at their Hazira LNG terminal from the year 2005.