

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF GAS FOR GAS BASED FERTILIZER UNITS

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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the fertilizer sector is experiencing a 30 percent shortage in availability of gas even in terms of the requirement of present gas based units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The requirement of gas for the existing gas based fertilizer units is 34.5419 million metric standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD). The actual average supply to gas based units during April-September 2005 was 28.4089 MMSCMD. The extent of shortfall with reference to requirement of existing gas based units is 17.76 %. The Department of Fertilizers is in constant interaction with Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, GAIL (India) Limited and other prospective suppliers of NG/LNG so that the gas requirements of the fertilizer industry are met adequately.