

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF GAS FOR SAMALKOT POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of gas for operating the Samalkot Combined Cycle Power Station in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Gail India Limited has informed that current supplies to Samalkot Combined Cycle Power Station (CCPP) of M/s. Reliance Energy, Samalkot, Andhra Pradesh is around 0.56 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) against allocation of 1.0 MMSCMD (0.64 MMSCMD firm + 0.36 MMSCMD fall back).

(b) : GAIL India Limited has further informed that due to low availability, the present gas supply in Krishna Godavari Basin is around 6.20 MMSCMD against total allocation of 16.36 MMSCMD and all the available gas is being supplied to existing customers on a pro-rata basis based on request of Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) : In view of the depleting domestic gas supply sources, efforts are being made by GAIL India Limited to augment the availability of natural gas in the region through increase in domestic availability of natural gas from New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) sources.