

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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DABHOL POWER PROJECT

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether supply of gas to the Dabhol Power Project has been started; and
- (b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be supplied and power-generation will begin fully?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Ratnagiri Gas & Power Private Limited (RGPPL) which is implementing the Dabhol power project have informed that the R-LNG (Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas) supply to RGPPL has commenced. The Dahej-Dabhol pipeline constructed by GAIL India Limited for supply of R-LNG from Petronet's Dahej terminal was completed on 11th July, 2007 and R-LNG was made available at RGPPL's power block on 23rd July, 2007. Thereafter, RGPPL switched from naphtha to LNG for power block-II (740 MW) on 4th August, 2007. As regards Power block-III (740 MW), revival work is under progress and is likely to be available for generation on gas by 31st August, 2007.

(b) : RGPPL has been supplying power generated on R-LNG as per requirement of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL). In the absence of demand for power from MSEDCL, the power block-II is being maintained under reserve shut down. Further, the hon'ble High Court of Gujarat have granted stay on 31.07.2007 for sale of R-LNG at pooled price. The MSEDCL have not confirmed power off-take at the higher R- LNG price/spot market rates.