

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

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UTILISATION OF GAS RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC has been working up on a plan to produce cheap electricity by utilising its gas resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the plan is likely to materialize;
- (c) whether instead of transporting gas from off shore oil and gas fields, power would be generated and wheeled on the existing grids; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Marginal gas reserves established by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in some States/basins are not being exploited because of the isolated nature of these gas pools, marketing constraints in nearby localities etc. ONGC's proposal for generating power from the gas available in these isolated gas pools is at a preliminary stage.

(c) & (d) : As indicated in (a) & (b) above, the proposal is at a preliminary stage.