

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

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SUPPLY OF GAS TO GAS PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many State Governments have requested the Central Government to allocate more gas for their gas based power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, plant-wise; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Requests have been received from the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry for the supply of gas for their power plants. At present, the availability of natural is much less than demand, necessitating its pro-rated supply. Steps have been taken, wherever feasible, to meet special contingencies, such as in Gujarat where, to overcome the drought-like situation, some LNG was diverted to Power Plants from other consumers. Similarly, in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, GAIL and ONGC have been instructed to make the utmost effort to increase the availability of gas to power sector consumers.