

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

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CUT IN THE GAS SUPPLIES TO POWER AND FERTILIZER UNITS BY GAIL

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

- (a) whether GAIL India Ltd. has cut gas supplies to power and fertilizer units during the field shutdown period;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether such shutdown has adversely affected the targets of GAIL, power and fertilizer sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Due to shutdown taken by ONGC in its BPB Western Offshore platform, gas availability was reduced and supply to power and fertilizers units along HVJ was curtailed in accordance with the Action Plan. Against normal average supply of around 8.7 Million Standard Cubic Metres Per Day (MMSCMD) and 7.8 MMSCMD of APM gas from ONGC to power and fertilizers units respectively along HVJ, the average supply during the shutdown period was 4.48 MMSCMD and 2.85 MMSCMD respectively. Supply of gas from ONGC to GAIL's processing /LPG plants along HVJ also fell from normal average 2.2 MMSCMD to 1.2 MMSCMD during the shutdown period. The reduction in supply of natural gas has affected the targets of GAIL, power and fertilizers sector along HVJ pipeline.

(e): The fertilizers and power units had been informed in advance regarding the proposed shutdown, so that alternate fuel could be arranged during the shutdown period. Additional Naptha was made available to affected fertilizer units through Oil Marketing Companies. Further, some quantity of additional gas from Panna, Mukta and Tapti (PMT) fields was supplied to fertilizer units and to GAIL's processing plants.