

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

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) the total demand and supply of natural gas in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the quantity of natural gas imported during the period to bridge the gap between demand and supply; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve energy security in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a): The demand and supply of natural gas during the last three years and the current year in the country is as under:-

in Million Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (mmscmd)
Year 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Demand 130 179.17 196.64 225.52

Supply # 96.98 103.38 105.28 141.14

Data pertaining to production of domestic natural gas & Imported R-LNG for the year 2009-10 is available up to month of January-2010.

Supply figures include RLNG.

(b): The quantity of LNG imported during the last three years and the current year is as follows:-

in Million Ton (mmt)
Sl.No. Year Quantity

1. 2006-07 6.77

2. 2007-08 8.31

3. 2008-09 8.02

4. 2009-10 (up to December 2009) 6.91

(c): The Government has adopted multi-pronged strategy to achieve energy security in the country, consisting inter alia of the following:-

- i. Intensification of domestic E&P activities through NELP Rounds
- ii. Coal Bed Methane (CBM)
- iii. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imports
- iv. Underground Coal Gasification

v. Exploration of Gas Hydrates

vi. Gas sourcing through transnational gas pipelines.