

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

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EXPANSION IN LNG INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to expand the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the LNG re-gasification capacity in the country would reach a level of 20 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA) by the year 2011-12; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Currently, two Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals, viz., Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL's) Dahej terminal and Hazira LNG Private Ltd. (HLPL's) Hazira terminal are operational in the country. In order to handle increased LNG import, additional infrastructure is being created in the country. PLL's Dahej LNG terminal has been expanded from the 5 million metric tonne per annum (mmtpa) to 10 mmtpa capacity in July 2009. 5 mmtpa capacity Dabhol LNG terminal is expected to be commissioned shortly. The terminal will, however, become fully operational only after completion of breakwater facilities in 2012. PLL is setting up a 2.5 mmtpa capacity LNG terminal which is expandable to 5 mmtpa at Kochi, The terminal is planned to be commissioned in 2011-12. As such, by 2011-12 the total regasification capacity available in the country is expected to go up to about 20 mmtpa