

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

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IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS FROM MOZAMBIQUE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and Videocon consortium is planning to import natural gas from Mozambique;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity which the above consortium is going to import; and
- (d) the extent to which the above quantity of gas is likely to help us in meeting our gas requirements?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Indian Companies, viz., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and Videocon Industries Ltd., hold participating interest in the offshore block in Mozambique through their overseas subsidiaries. The block is in first exploration phase. Monetization of gas, including the option to bring it to India, will be finalized after appraisal and determination of reserves. Hence, it is too early to make any plan about the export of gas.

(c) & (d): Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.