

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

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SALE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has given permission to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to sell the gas at the rate of 5.25 US Dollar per million British Thermal Unit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of corresponding rates of selling to the consumers in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Government has issued guidelines for pricing & commercial utilization of non-APM gas produced by National Oil Companies (NOCs), viz., ONGC & OIL, from their nominated blocks. Four supply zones have been identified in the Guidelines and the prices of non-APM gas sold by NOCs in these zones are as follows:-

1. Western & Northern zone (covering Maharashtra, Gujarat and other States covered by HVJ/ DVPL viz., Rajasthan, M.P., U.P., Haryana & Delhi)-\$5/mmbtu
2. Southern zone- KG-Basin-\$4.5/mmbtu
3. Southern zone- Cauvery-Basin-\$4.75/mmbtu
4. North-East- \$4.2/mmbtu

Further, a premium of \$0.25/mmbtu for production of non-APM gas from offshore fields has been provided, as higher investment is required in development and production of offshore fields.