

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PRICE OF NATURAL GAS  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total power generation from the gas based power projects in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government has increased the administered price of natural gas in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the power tariff is expected to go up with the increase in the administered prices of natural gas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which consumers of electricity are likely to be affected as a result thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) : The power generation from gas based power projects in the country during the current year 2010-11 (April to July, 2010) was 34.2 Billion Unit.

(b) & (c): Government has increased the administered price of gas from 1.79 \$/MMBTU to 4.2 \$/MMBTU.

(d) to (f): The overall impact of increase in the prices of APM on the Cost of power generation at national level would be marginal. However, its impact on the cost of power generation in power stations would be higher where the percentage share of APM gas consumption is high.

An analysis has been done by CEA to know the effect of increase in gas prices on the cost of generation and on All India tariff on pro-rata basis, based on Installed Capacity and Generation as on March, 2010. It appears that due to increase in APM gas price, there would be marginal increase in All-India tariff by about 2.54%.