

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 details of production of natural gas by Government owned companies and private companies separately during the last two years and the current year:

(b) the details of demands and supply of gas during above period;

(c) whether there is a mismatch between demand and supply of gas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) The quantum of natural gas produced during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (till June'2010) is given below:

(figures in Billion Cubic Meter (BCM))

Year 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 (till June'10)

ONGC 22.49 23.11 5.76

OIL 2.27 2.42 0.55

Private/JV 8.09 21.98 7.29

(b) As per the Report of Working Group on Petroleum & Natural Gas for the 11th Plan, the demand of natural gas during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 was estimated to be 196.64 million metric cubic meter per day (mmscmd), 225.52 mmscmd and 262.07 mmscmd respectively. Against the same, an average supply of 105.28 mmscmd and 148.23 mmscmd was made during 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively. The present supply of natural gas during 2010-11 is around 165 mmscmd. This figure included supply of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG)

(c) to (d) Presently, the domestic supply is less than the demand for natural gas in the country. The Government has adopted multi-pronged strategy to enhance availability of natural gas in the country, consisting inter alia of the following:-

i. Intensification of domestic Exploration and Production activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP) Rounds.

ii. Coal Bed Methane (CBM).

iii Import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from various countries, including Qatar, Russian Federation, Abu-Dhabi, Egypt, Australia, Algeria, Nigeria, Malaysia and Oman.

Apart from the above, Underground Coal Gasification and Gas Hydrates assessment are in the experimental stage.