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ALLOCATION OF NATURAL GAS TO POWER FERTILIZER SECTORS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoMs) on gas utilization chaired by Finance Minister has arrived at a broad consensus that about 35% of fresh natural gas production should go to fertilizers and about 50% to power sector;

(b) if so, the other main recommendations made by GoMs in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the Government has been able to provide more gas to power and fertilizer sectors?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Out of 63.309 million standard cubic meters per day (mmscmd) of KG D6 gas allocated by the EGoM on firm basis, about 32.68 mmscmd and 15.71 mmscmd gas has been allocated to power and fertilizers sectors respectively. Apart from power and fertilizers sectors, the EGoM has allocated KG D6 gas to the following priority sectors:-

1. Existing gas-based LPG plants.
2. City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities for supply to domestic & transport sectors.
3. Existing gas-based steel plants (only for feedstock & not for captive power requirement).
4. Existing gas-based petrochemicals plants (only for feedstock & not for captive power requirement).
5. Existing refineries.
6. CGD entities for supply to commercial & industrial sector customers consuming up to 50,000 scmd (standard cubic meters per day).

In view of the above, the EGoM has accorded the highest priority to power and fertilizer sectors. Presently, all existing plants in power & fertilizers sectors, which are connected to KG D6 field, are being supplied gas to meet their shortfall.