

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF NATURAL GAS FOR RIL REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has sought permission to use gas from KG basin for its refineries as the Government has failed to find enough buyers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has allocated the initial production of 40 million metric standard cubic meters per day (mmscmd) to various priority sectors. RIL has also requested for allocation of gas to meet its own captive requirements, including for its refineries. However, EGoM constituted to decide issues pertaining to pricing and commercial utilization of gas under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) has decided that allotment to these users will be made while taking decisions on utilization of gas beyond 40 mmscmd.