GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1928 ANSWERED ON:11.08.2011 KG-D6 GAS SUPPLIES TO NON-CORE SECTOR Bajirao Shri Patil Padamsinha

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the priority for allocation of KG D6 gas for various sectors and asked Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to meet the full demand of priority users before supplying to non-core sector industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request to review the prioritization worked out while imposing cuts on KG-D6 gas supplies to non-core users: and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N SINGH)

- (a) & (b): The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) based on the exapectation that production from KG D6 fields would reach 60 mmscmd, had decided on the priority to be accorded for allocation of KG D6 gas. After the production of gas went down, there were compelling reasons to direct the Contractor to supply KGD6 gas in full, to Fertilizers, LPG, Power and CGD (domestic & transport) sectors, apart from gas needed for pipeline operation, in larger public interest.
- (c) & (d): Representations were received from affected consumers by this Ministry. Further, in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble Bombay High Court, the affected and interested parties were also heard. After taking note of the production of gas, and the guidelines issued by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) and the policy of the Government, the decision to impose a cut on supply of gas to non-core sector was reaffirmed.