GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1971 ANSWERED ON:11.08.2011 IMPORT OF OIL AND LNG Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

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

(a) whether India sought more Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Nigeria recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Gas is likely to be utilised?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India's refining capacity is projected to increase from the current capacity of 185 million metric tonne per annum (mmtpa) to about 240 mmtpa by 2012-13. Further, the requirement of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is also expected to go up substantially in coming years. Presently, import of crude oil and LNG is being made from Nigeria also. India has expressed its interest to procure a portion of the additional requirement of crude Oil and LNG from Nigeria.

(c): Regasified LNG (RLNG) would be supplied to various customers in the country to meet the increasing demand of natural gas in the country.