

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether natural gas occupies a minimal percentage of total energy basket of the country in comparison to other developing and developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to augment Gas Pipeline Network in the country to make gas available throughout the country including in remote areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the BP- Statistical review of World Energy-2011, Natural gas occupies around 10.63% of total primary energy consumption of the country in the year-2010 as compare to 23.81% for the world. The reasons for less natural gas consumption are due to inter alia, less availability of natural gas, slow adoption of gas by consumers, inadequate natural gas related infrastructure in the country.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. In order to expand the natural gas transportation infrastructure in the country, MoPNG has authorized nine new pipelines. Further, PNGRB has authorized three pipelines, & for two pipelines the bidding process has already started. Beside, some of the existing pipelines are also under going expansion. It is requested that by end of 2015-16 there will be additional pipeline infrastructure of about 14,531 Km. with design capacity to carry around 425.55 mmscmd.