

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

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

- (a) whether it is true that presently the demand and supply gap of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is being partially met by way of importing it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is need for the Government to make efforts to augment the supply of LNG in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The gap between demand and supply of natural gas in the country is being partly met by import of LNG. During 2010-11, around 9.79 million metric tonne LNG was imported in the country.

(c) & (d): Import of LNG is not made by the Government; the same is made by the private and public sector Companies depending on demand and supply conditions. The Government is pursuing oil diplomacy with LNG exporting countries, to augment LNG supply in the country.