

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

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

- (a) the volume of LPG imported into the country during the last three years alongwith the cost price of the quantity imported; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to augment LPG production in the country itself to meet its demand in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The quantity and value of LPG imported into the country during the last three years i.e., from 2008-09 to 2010-11 is given in Annexure.

(b): In order to increase domestic oil and gas production, more and more unexplored areas are offered for exploration through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding rounds for oil and gas and through Coal Bed Methane (CBM) bidding rounds for CBM. 235 oil and gas blocks have been awarded under eight rounds of NELP concluded so far. 31 CBM blocks have been awarded under four CBM rounds of bidding concluded so far. Two CBM blocks were awarded on nomination basis and one through Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) route.