

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CERAMIC INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of ceramic industries are on the verge of closure due to non-availability of gas at reasonable price from various gas distribution companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of companies which have been affected; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)&(b): The detail of companies which have been affected for want of supply of gas is not maintained by this Ministry.

(c): Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to enhance availability of natural gas in the country, consisting, inter-alia, of the following:

- (i) Intensification of domestic Exploration and Production (E&P) activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) rounds;
- (ii) Coal Bed Methane (CBM) E&P activities;
- (iii) Import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from various countries; and
- (iv) Trans-national pipelines, viz., Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) pipeline and Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) pipeline.