

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) the total quantity of natural gas produced indigenously during the last three years, state-wise;
- (b) the percentage of indigenous natural gas production compared to the demand in the country;
- (c) the total quantum of natural gas imported to meet the demand during last three years indicating the year in which the demand of natural gas was not fulfilled through indigenous production; and
- (d) the steps taken or any target fixed by the Government to make the country self-reliant in term of production of natural gas?

**Answer**

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

(a) The total natural gas production in the country during last three years is as under:

**MMSCM#**

State/Regions	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Offshore	24081.1	38825.8	43645.5
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Andhra Pradesh	1524.0	1479.0	1384.0
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Arunachal Pradesh	29.8	39.6	44.2
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Assam	2573.0	2704.0	2683.0
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Gujarat	2605.2	2444.0	2262.3
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Rajasthan	216.6	239.0	432.9
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Tamil Nadu	1242.0	1178.0	1119.0
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Tripura	553.0	562.0	610.0
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West Bengal	19.8	38.4	41.4
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Total production	32844.4	47509.7	52222.2
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# Million metric standard cubic metre

(b) The percentage share of indigenous natural gas supply in the total natural gas supply for last three years is as under:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Domestic gas supply - %	71%	76.8%	77.2%
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(c) The total quantum of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) imported during the last three years is as under:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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Imported LNG (MMSCM)	11041	12374	13578
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(d) In order to enhance natural gas production in the country, various steps taken by the Government/exploration and production companies are as under:

- i. Offering of exploration blocks under New Explorations Licensing Policy (NELP)
- ii. Exploration and production of Coal Bed Methane Gas
- iii. Resource assessment of Shale gas in the country and formulation of policy framework.
- iv. Research and development activity in Gas Hydrate and other alternate sources.