

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

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

- (a) the demand and supply alongwith the indigenous production of natural gas in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the quantum of natural gas imported to meet the demand in the country during the last three years alongwith the details of countries from which it was imported;
- (c) whether the Government has entered into any agreement with foreign countries for supply of natural gas during the last two years;
- (d) if so the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to fulfil the demand of natural gas through indigenous production?

Answer

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

(a): The details of supply alongwith the indigenous production of natural gas in the country during the last three years are as follows:

(Quantity in MMSCMD)

year	Demand#	Supply	Supply from Indigenous sources
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2008-09	196.64	104.4	74.15
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2009-10	225.52	145.89	111.99
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2010-11	262.07	163.36	126.16
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#As per estimates in XIth plan document.

(b): The quantum of natural gas imported during the last three years, mainly from Qatar, Malaysia, Russia, UAE, Egypt, Oman, Australia, Algeria, Nigeria, USA, Norway, Trinidad & Tobago is as follows:

year	Quantity in (MMSCMD)
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2008-09	30.25
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2009-10	33.9
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(c) & (d): Government has not entered into any agreement with foreign countries for supply of natural gas. However, during the last two years, i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11, Petronet LNG Ltd., a joint venture of GAIL (India) Ltd. (GAIL) has entered into a 20 year contract with Mobil Australia Resources Company Pty. Ltd. (a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil) from its Gorgon project in Australia for supply of 1.44 MMTPA to commence from 2014. Further, GAIL has also entered into medium term contract with Marubeni for 0.25 MMTPA of LNG quantities and supplies have already commenced.

(e): 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 & Production (E&P) activities through New Exploration Licencing Policy (NELP) rounds.
- (ii) Coal Bed Methane (CBM) E&P activities.