

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT OF GAS

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average production capacity of gas based fertilizer plants in the country;
- (b) the quantum of gas required for full capacity utilization by these plants;
- (c) the quantum of Regenerated Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) and Natural Gas made available to these plants;
- (d) whether the production capacity of the gas based fertilizer plants is underutilized due to inadequate availability of gas on a long term basis; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government for improving utilization capacity of gas based plants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- (a) The average capacity of gas based fertilizer plants is 17.13 million tonnes of urea per annum.
- (b) The quantum of gas required by the gas based fertilizer plants is about 44 MMSCMD.
- (c) The quantum of long term RLNG contracted is 9.5 MMSCMD.
- (d) There is idle capacity for want of gas as alternative fuel is allowed to achieve production.
- (e) In view of (d) above, question do not arise.