

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to ban gas supply to merchant power plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore; and
- (c) the impact of such decision on the market and the consumers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c): There is no proposal before Government to ban gas supply to merchant power plants. However, there is a proposal in which domestic gas will be available only to those power plants that supply electricity to the state power utilities under Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) at regulated rates.