GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:744 ANSWERED ON:09.07.2009 ALLOCATION OF NATURAL GAS Baalu Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that major portion of the natural gas discovered from Krishna-Godavari basin is taken to Western India leaving the southern States including Tamil Nadu high and dry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for equal distribution of the above gas among the needy southern States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): Natural gas from Krishna Godavari basin is presently being supplied to fertilizer plant of NFCL, Kakinada and power plants, viz. Kondapalli CCGT, Jegurupadu CCGT(GVK), Jegurupadu CCGT (GVK) Ext., Samlkot CCPP/Paddapuram, Vemagiri CCPP, Gautami CCPP and Konaseema CCPP, all situated in Andhra Pradesh.

Further, authorizations have been issued for Vijaywada-Nellore-Chennai, Chennai-Tuticorin & Chennai-Bangalore- Mangalore trunk natural gas pipelines, which would transport natural gas from Krishna Godavari basin to other areas in southern States, including Tamil Nadu.