

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

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SHUT DOWN OF POWER PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many power plants in the country have been forced to shut down due to non-availability or shortage of gas supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-supply of gas to the power plants;
- (c) whether these power plants have made requests to resume supply of adequate quantity of gas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As per Central Electricity Authority (CEA), at present no power plants in the country have been forced to shut down due to non-availability or shortage of gas supply except Silk Road Sugar Pvt. Ltd. (35 MW) Co-gen power plant in Andhra Pradesh. However, the power generation of many gas based power projects has suffered due to shortage of gas supply and the plants are forced to operate at lower PLFs resulting in loss of generation. The persistent decline in production of Gas from RIL's KG D6 field has led to reduced availability of natural gas to power plants.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The power plants have made requests for the supply of adequate quantity of gas in order to operate the plants at a technically and commercially viable PLF.