

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

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IMPORT OF LNG  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is likely to increase considering that not only the existing gas pipelines have unutilised carrying capacity but also due to the commissioning of new pipelines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to growing dependence on LNG import in the country, there are opportunities for oil companies to enter into LNG space either through regasification terminals or a stake in LNG marketing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): During the 12th Five Year Plan, the projected demand of natural gas and estimated domestic availability would leave a shortfall of 292 MMSCMD by 2014-15 which may have to be met through import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), subject to RLNG import capacity constraints.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. The regasification capacity of Existing Dahej terminal of Petronet LNG Ltd. (PLL) is proposed to be increased from present 10 Million Tones Per Annum (MMTPA) to 15 MMTPA by 2015-16 and that of Hazira LNG Pvt. Ltd. (HLPL) from 3.6 MMPTA to 5 MMTPA by 2015-16. PLL is also adding 5 MMTPA regasification capacity at its upcoming Kochi Terminal and have initiated the process of developing LNG terminal at Gangavaram port in the State of Andhra Pradesh with 5 MMTPA capacity. Moreover, Ratnagiri Gas Power Pvt. Ltd. (RGPPL) is expected to commission its Dabhol LNG Terminal by end of 2012 with an initial regasification capacity of 1.5 MMTPA which will subsequently increase to 5 MMTPA. GAIL is also planning to set up Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) on the East Coast of India at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) is in the process of setting up of 5 MMTPA LNG terminal at Ennore which is scheduled to be commissioned by 2015-16.

Besides participating in the development of LNG terminals various LNG importers continue to explore tie ups for importing LNG in to the country on an ongoing basis. PLL 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 of natural gas, to commence from 2014. GAIL has also entered into medium term contract with Marubeni for 0.25 MMTPA of LNG quantities, and supplies have already commenced. In addition, GAIL has signed a long term agreement with Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLP for supply of 3.5 MMTPA LNG from Sabine Pass terminal on FoB basis.