

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012
IMPORT OF NATURAL GAS
Panda Shri Prabodh

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

- (a) the details of the sources of import of natural gas in the country along with the quantum of natural gas imported therefrom during the last two years, country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to import natural gas from other countries including Bangladesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of natural gas likely to be imported therefrom; and
- (d) the sectors and States identified for supply of natural gas imported thereby?

Answer

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.177 ASKED BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA, MP TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 23, 2012

(a): Natural gas is imported into the country at the RLNG terminals operated by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) and Hazira LNG Private Limited (HLPL). Based on the information furnished by these entities the quantum of natural gas imported during 2010-11 & 2011-12 alongwith the names of countries from where LNG was imported is as under:-

Entity	2010-11	2011-12
	Quantity of LNG imported (in MMT)	Quantity of LNG imported (in MMT)
PLL	8.65	10.75
HLPL	1.08	2.532

The countries from where the gas was imported include Qatar, Nigeria, Egypt, USA, Oman, Norway, Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago, Algeria, Equatorial Guinea, Australia, Abu Dhabi and Yemen.

(b) to (d): 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. The commencement of the supply is expected to start from 2016-17. Further, Oil Companies, such as GAIL (India) Ltd., Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), GSPC and PLL have entered into an agreement with Gazprom Marketing & Trading Singapore (GM & TS) for long term LNG supplies. However, there is no import planned from Bangladesh. The imported gas is supplied to various users in the country based on demand and supply conditions.