

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

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SHORTFALL IN PRODUCTION

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

- (a) the details of shortfall in production of petroleum products and gas by both the private sector and public sector oil companies during the last three years and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the impact of less production of petroleum products and gas on the consumers;
- (c) the details of the quantum and the value of petroleum products and gas consumed in the country vis-à-vis the imports during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the indigenous production thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The production details of various petroleum products produced by both the private sector and public sector oil companies in the during the last three year i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12 are attached in Annexure-1. India is self-sufficient in production of petroleum products for its domestic consumption except for LPG which is imported by oil companies.

Natural gas production for the last three years is as under:

In Billion Cubic Metre (BCM)

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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Natural Gas	46.49	51.23	46.33
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Mainly the reduction in Natural Gas Production is by Reliance in KG D6 block and the deficit in Natural Gas production was met through imports which is as under:

In Million Metric Tonne(MMT)

Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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Natural Gas	8.9	8.9	10.1
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(c) The details of the quantum of petroleum products consumed in the country vis-à-vis the imports along with value, during the last three year are given in Annexure-2.

The details of the quantum of Natural gas consumed in the country during the last three years are given in Annexure-3.

(d) In order to enhance the indigenous production of natural gas, Government has taken the following steps:-

Offering more unexplored areas for exploration through bidding rounds.

So far 254 blocks have been awarded under nine rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding. Expediting exploration in these blocks.

Exploring various sources of alternate energy such Coal Bed Methane (CBM), Gas Hydrate, Shale Gas & Oil Shale.