

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

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SHORTAGE OF GAS

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

- (a) whether various industries including that of power, fertilizers and ceramic industries based on natural gas are facing gas shortage in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal at Dabhol in Maharashtra to increase availability of natural gas in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any decision to set up new extension centre for storage of natural gas at Kochi and other places of the country;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

- (a) Yes Madam. The demand of various industry sectors is not being able to be fully met from domestic production. During 2011-12, 114.90 mmscmd of domestic gas was supplied to various sectors and 39.32 mmscmd of gas was imported for consumption, totalling to 154.22 mmscmd of overall consumption in the country.
- (b) Government has taken several other steps to improve gas availability such as Intensification of domestic Exploration & Production (E&P) activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) rounds, exploitation of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) in lease areas of Coal India and its subsidiaries, development of Shale Gas Policy framework, research and development of Gas Hydrate resources in the country, import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), transnational pipelines, clearance for exploration and development of some NELP blocks, exploration in the Mining Lease Area with certain conditions and acquisition of overseas oil and gas assets.
- (c) & (d) Dabhol LNG terminal has been recently commissioned in January 2013 by Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL), Joint Venture of GAIL, NTPC and others. The terminal has a nameplate capacity of 5 Million Metric Tonne Per Annum (MMTPA).
- (e) No Madam. No extension centre is planned.
- (f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.