

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether Government has made any estimate about the likely increase in the production of natural gas during the next four years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has included even those gas fields where natural gas production has been decreasing for the last two years in the said estimates of rise in production;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, gas field-wise;
- (e) whether the Government's approval for increasing the price of gas is likely to play an important role in the rise of natural gas production; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the report of the working group on Petroleum and Natural Gas Sector, the projection of natural gas production during the 12th Five year plan from the year 2013-14 to 2016-17 by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Private/Joint Venture (Pvt./Jvs) companies under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime is given below:

In Billion Cubic Metre (BCM)

Company	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ONGC	25.5	26.70	28.215	38.676
OIL	3.8	4	4.1	4.2
Pvt./JVs	14.5	16.5	18.5	21.0
Total	43.8	47.2	50.8	63.9

(c) & (d) The above projections for gas production include the estimated gas production from the existing fields and as well as expected production from new gas discoveries under development. The estimated gas production under the PSC regime during the next four years also include the projected production from the following major gas fields/ blocks where the gas production has declined during the last two years (2011-12 and 2012-13):

Mid and South Tapti, CB-OS/2 , PY-1, Rawa, Hazira and KG-DWN-98/3 (D1, D3 & MA fields)

(e) & (f) The assurance for higher gas price is likely to encourage accelerated exploration efforts by the contractors which may lead to new hydrocarbon discovery. Further, the higher gas price may enable development and monetization of stranded gas discoveries in onland and offshore areas.