

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:429

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SUPPLY OF GAS

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

- (a) whether gas-based small scale industries in the country are badly affected due to short supply of the gas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request from State Governments regarding supply of gas to these small and medium scale industries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present the supply of domestic gas is much less than the total allocation of domestic gas. In the year 2012-13, an average of 94.2 MMSCMD domestic gas was supplied against total allocation of 238.27 MMSCMD to various sectors. The supply has further declined. In view of reduced production, cuts have been applied on supply to customers of all sectors including all the gas based small scale industries.

(c) & (d): Yes, requests have been received from various state governments. However, in view of reduced availability of domestic gas, it is not possible to increase the supply to existing small scale industries and to make fresh allocation of domestic gas to new small scale industry customers.