

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the production vis-a-vis demand of natural gas in the country by 2026-27;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the government to meet the increasing demand of Natural Gas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) According to a study commissioned by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board(PNGRB), the natural gas production in the country is projected to be about 211 Million StandardCubic Meters per Day (MMSCMD) in the year 2026-27 against the projected demand of 654.55 MMSCMD in the same year.

(c) The Government has taken various steps to increase oil/gas production in the country as mentioned:

(i) Offering more areas for exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)/Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) bidding rounds and Shale Gas Policy.

(ii) Pursuing various alternate sources of energy, such as, Coal Bed Methane (CBM), Shale Gas/Shale Oil and Gas Hydrates etc.

(iii) Introducing various guidelines/policies, such, allowing exploration in Mining Lease (ML) area after the expiry of exploration period and submission of Integrated Field Development Plan(IFDP) etc. for early monetization of hydrocarbon discoveries etc.

(iv) Sourcing gas through trans-national gas pipelines (e.g., Turkmenistan-Afghanistan- Pakistan-India pipeline)