

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS FROM KG D BLOCKS

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up an Empowered Group of Ministers EGOM on allocation of gas to various industries for their commercial utilisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of gas produced from Block 6 of Krishna-Godavari basin and supplied to the various industrial sectors during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government/EGOM has received requests from various State Government and industrial sectors for supply of gas during the above period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government/ EGOM thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has constituted EGOM under the chairpersonship of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister to consider and decide issues of commercial utilization of gas produced under NELP and other related matters.

(c): Production from KG D-6 has started from April 1, 2009. Presently, around 44 mmcmd (million metric standard cubic meters per day) gas is being produced from KG D-6 field. Out of this production, fertilizers (urea), power, LPG, City Gas Distribution (CGD) & steel sectors are utilizing around 13.5 mmcmd, 24 mmcmd, 2.5 mmcmd, 0.5 mmcmd & 3 mmcmd respectively.

(d) & (e): Many requests have been received from various State Governments and industries for supply of gas from KG D-6. The said requests have been examined by the EGOM in its meeting held on 27.10.2009. It has been decided to allocate 13.165 mmcmd on firm basis and another 12 mmcmd on fallback basis, over and above the 18 mmcmd earmarked earlier, for power sector to ensure the operation of all power plants, including those to be commissioned in 2009-10, at 90% PLF. Further, 0.178 mmcmd has been allocated on firm basis to existing gas-based fertilizer plant producing subsidized fertilizers other than urea, over 15.33 mmcmd allocated earlier to existing gas-based urea plants. 0.44 mmcmd has been allocated on firm bases to meet the shortfall of existing gas-based steel plants for use as feedstock only. 1.918 mmcmd has been allocated on firm basis to petrochemical sector for use as feedstock only. 5 mmcmd on firm basis and 6 mmcmd on fallback basis has been allocated to Refineries to partially meet their requirement of natural gas. 2 mmcmd has been allocated on fallback basis to City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects for supply to industrial & commercial sectors. 10 mmcmd has been allocated on fallback basis to partially meet the requirement of captive power plants.