

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

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

- (a) whether the annual consumption of petroleum and natural gas is increasing continuously in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of last five years thereof;
- (c) whether there is wide difference between demand and supply of natural gas in the country;
- (d) if so, the measures taken to bridge the demand and supply gap of natural gas;
- (e) whether the Government have to spent a huge foreign exchange for import of petroleum and natural gas; and
- (f) if so, the time by which our country is likely to be self-reliant by increasing domestic production of these products?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The consumption of petroleum products and natural gas in the country has usually increased in the last five years. The details of the consumption of petroleum products and natural gas in the last five years is as below:-

Consumption

year	Petroleum Products (TMT)	Gas (in mmscm)
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2004-05	111634	34049
2005-06	113213	37870
2006-07	120749	39778
2007-08	128946	42322
2008-09	133400	42215

TMT:- thousand metric tons

mmscm:- million standard cubic metre

(c): The demand of natural gas in the country is more than the availability. However, there has been a substantial increase in domestic availability with production of about 50 mmscmd gas from KG D6 fields currently which is likely to increase to 80 mmscmd in 2010.

(d): The Government has adopted multi-pronged strategy to increase availability of natural gas in the country, consisting inter alia of the following:-

- i. Intensification of domestic Exploration & Production (E&P) activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) Rounds
- ii. Coal Bed Methane (CBM)
- iii. Underground Coal Gasification
- iv. Gas Hydrates

v. Expansion in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) infrastructure and increase in LNG tie-up.

vi. Gas sourcing through transnational gas pipelines.

(e): The requisite quantity of petroleum products and natural gas are imported to meet the domestic demand.

(f): No time limit can be set to become self-reliant in the production of petroleum products and natural gas.