

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

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INCREASE IN PRICES OF NATURAL GAS

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

- (a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to raise the price of gas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether the Union Government have access its impact on public transport and on power sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): At present, there are broadly two pricing regimes for gas in the country, i.e., gas priced under Administered Price Mechanism (APM) and non-APM or free market gas. The proposal to increase APM price is under consideration of the Government, in order to make it economically viable for Oil & Natural Corporation Ltd. and Oil India Ltd. to make investment in nominated blocks for production of natural gas.

(c) & (d): The proposal is under consideration of the Government and the impact would be assessed after decision in this regard is taken.