

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3517
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UNIFORM PRICE OF NATURAL GAS
Sule Supriya

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to administer a uniform price of natural gas delivered to urea plants across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has sought a common pooled price of natural gas delivered from different sources such as Administered Price Mechanism (APM), imported Reglassified-LNG (R-LNG) and D6 gas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also propose to review the existing transportation tariff policy to negate any specific advantage/disadvantage to the industry on account of its proximity distance from the source of natural gas; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): Government has asked GAIL (India) Ltd. to undertake a study on pooling of prices of natural gas in the country. GAIL (India) Ltd. has engaged M/s Mercados EMI Pvt. Ltd., a premier consultancy organization, for the same.
- (e): Presently, there is no such proposal under consideration.
- (f): Do not arise.