

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

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GAS PRICES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the natural gas available in the North Eastern States is connected to National Grid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the prices of gas being charged by exploring companies from commercial/non-commercial consumers including cottage and small scale industries;
- (c) whether the Government has set up any Group of Ministers to advise on the subsidised pricing of gas for the said region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of their recommendations and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Gas produced from existing fields of nominated blocks of National Oil Companies (NOCs) viz., Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) is being supplied at Administered Price Mechanism (APM) rate to Power sector consumers, Fertilizers sector consumers, consumers covered under court orders and consumers having allocations of less than 0.05 MMSCMD, up to their APM allocation. Gas produced from existing and new fields of nominated blocks of NOCs is being supplied to rest of the consumers and APM consumers drawing gas beyond their APM allocation at non-APM rate. The APM and non-APM rate applicable to end consumers in North East region is \$2.52/MMBTU and \$4.2/MMBTU respectively. APM price of North East region is 60% of APM price in rest of the country, remaining 40% is paid from Government budget to National Oil Companies.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.