

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has given permission or proposed to give permission to private companies to import Ethane Gas from abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to supply gas to other countries particularly Pakistan;
- (d) if so, whether the availability of gas in India is more than the domestic consumption need; and
- (e) if so, the estimate of the Government for surplus gas availability in the country against its average annual requirement?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Madam, as per extant policy, no permission from Government is required for import of Ethane.
- (c): No, Madam. There is no proposal to supply domestic natural gas to any other country including Pakistan.
- (d) & (e): No, Madam. The availability of domestic natural gas is less than the domestic consumption need.