

**Title:** Need to allocate 0.5 MMSCMD of gas to Gujarat for Power Generation.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Gujarat State is facing acute shortage of electricity. Due to long distance from colliery and higher railway freight charges for the coal movement, cost of production of power generation by the Gujarat State Electricity Board is unbearable. In the circumstances, Gujarat Government has made a demand for additional allocation of gas to the tune of 1.25 MMSCMD for 650 MW PIPAVAV power project to be developed by KRIBHCO because initial allocation of 2.25 MMSCMD of gas is not sufficient and adequate.

Even though it was decided in the meetings of Gujarat State Authorities with Secretary, M.O.P. & N.G. and hon. Minister of Petroleum, Government of India that 0.5 MMSCMD gas would be made available in January, 2001 and the Government of Gujarat should send detailed proposal mentioning the list of different power projects for allocation of 0.5 MMSCMD. The proposals have already been sent by the Government of Gujarat. But till now, this agreed allocation of 0.5 MMSCMD of gas has not been made available.

I, therefore, urge the Government of India to allocate agreed allocation of 0.5 MMSCMD of gas for power generation for the projects in Gujarat immediately.