

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF POWER**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**SUPPLY OF GAS FOR POWER GENERATION .**

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Will the Minister of COAL/COALPOWER be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that power generation is not taking place properly due to the paucity of gas;
- (b) if so, whether Government intends to take effective measures to ensure the adequate supply of fuel for power generation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

( SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI )

(a) :It is a fact that in the past power generation was suffering in the gas based power plants due to the paucity of gas. However, since the start of gas production from RIL D- 6 gas block in the month of April 2009 and the allocation of RIL gas to power sector on priority, the supply of gas to the gas based power plants has improved considerably.

(b) & (c) :Government of India has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to augment gas supplies and bridge the gap between supply and demand for the domestic market including that for power sector. These include:-

(i)MoP&NG is taking necessary steps to increase availability of gas from domestic sources by awarding gas blocks for Exploration & Production (E&P) activities in various sedimentary basins of the country under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(ii)MoP&NG is encouraging import of gas in the form of Liquefied Natural Gas

(LNG) and also making efforts for import of gas through international pipelines projects.

(iii)In order to explore and produce new sources of natural gas from coal bearing areas, government has formulated a Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy providing attractive fiscal and contractual framework for exploration and production of CBM in the country.

(iv)Government is encouraging Under Ground Coal Gasification (UGCG) and coal liquification and investment by private entrepreneurs in development of these frontier technologies.

(v)While allocation of RIL gas from KG basin (D-6), the power sector has been given priority.