

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
GAS PRODUCED BY ONGC OIL .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the gas produced by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) are called Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) gas and Non-APM gas in the country;
- (b) if so, the percentage of APM gas and Non-APM gas out of total production;
- (c) the consumer sale prices of these gases in March, 2009; and
- (d) whether Government is making efforts to increase the prices of APM gas slowly and gradually it proposes to raise it upto the 4.2 dollar per MMSCM unit?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As informed by ONGC, out of its total production, approximately 97% is APM and 3% is non-APM. As informed by OIL, out of its total production, approximately 88% is APM and 12% is non-APM.

(c): The gas produced by ONGC & OIL is being sold to power & fertilizers sectors at APM rate of Rs.3200/mscm (thousand standard cubic meters) outside North-East & at Rs.1820/mscm in North-East. As regards other APM customers, i.e., Court mandated customers and customers up to 50,000 scmd (standard cubic meters per day), natural gas is sold at Rs.3840/mscm outside North-East & at Rs.2304/mscm in North-East. Further, the gas produced by ONGC & OIL is sold at non-APM rates of US\$4.75/mmbtu (million British thermal unit) in Gujarat, Maharashtra & along HBJ, at Rs.3200/mscm in North-East & at US\$3.86/mmbtu in the rest of the country. The mentioned price excludes royalty, transportation charge, taxes, etc.

(d): A proposal to increase the price of APM-gas gradually is under consideration of the Government.