

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
RAJYA SABHA
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PROVISION OF CLEAN COOKING FUEL TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS

3643 SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether there is a reduction in domestic natural gas production and increase in consumption demand;
- (b) if so, the reasons for reduction in domestic natural gas production;
- (c) whether Government has prepared five-year action plan for reducing crude oil imports, increasing petroleum product exports and job creation in the sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government proposes to renew their focus to achieve the goal of providing clean cooking fuel to all households by the next year; and
- (f) if so, the action taken by Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) & (b) Production of domestic natural gas has shown an upward trend since 2021-22. Details of production of domestic natural gas and consumption during the last three years and in the current year are as under:-

Financial Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (upto Feb 2023)
Gas Production (BCM)	31.18	28.67	34.02	31.49
Total Consumption (BCM)	64.14	60.98	64.16	55.54

Source: PPAC, BCM: Billion Cubic Metres

(c) & (d) Various steps have been taken to reduce import of crude oil. These inter alia include demand substitution by promoting usage of natural gas as fuel/feedstock across the country towards increasing the share of natural gas in economy and moving towards gas based economy, promotion of renewable and alternate fuels like ethanol, second generation ethanol, compressed bio gas and biodiesel, refinery process improvements, promoting energy efficiency and conservation, efforts for increasing production of oil and natural gas through various policies initiatives, etc. To give a major thrust to Ethanol Blending Programme, Government of India through Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are establishing 2G Ethanol plants across the country, also for promoting the use of Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) as automotive fuel, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative has been launched. Such initiatives also result in job creation. Export of petroleum product has shown

upward trend in 2021-22. Export of petroleum products do however vary from year to year on account of various factors such as local demand supply scenario, international prices, price bids received, seasonality, etc.

(e) & (f) Release of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connections is a continuous process and LPG distributors are under instructions to immediately register any request for new LPG connection all over the country. Further, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) was launched on 01.05.2016 to release deposit free LPG connection in the name of adult woman member of poor households across the country. The target of 8 crore LPG connections was achieved in September, 2019. To cover the remaining poor households, PMUY phase-2 (Ujjwala 2.0) was launched in August 2021. As on 01.01.2023, further 1.60 crore LPG connections have been registered under Ujjwala 2.0.
