

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4205**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.01.2019**

Demand and Supply of Natural Gas

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS पेट्रो लयम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of natural gas in the country along with the quantum of gas and crude oil imported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken to find out new destination to import natural gas/ Re-gasification LNG and crude oil, country-wise including United States of America, Qatar and other Middle East countries;

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to reduce price of domestically produced natural gas/Re-gasification and imported LNG supply to all fertilizers/ power units at uniform/pooled price rates across the country;

(d) whether the Government has fixed priority in allocation of gas including gas produced from D-6 and prices of gas to various sectors of economy particularly power/fertilizer and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME);

(e) if so, the details of gas produced by public/private sector companies including D-6 oil blocks and allocated to various priority/non-priority sectors along with its prices offered by the Government, sector/oilfield/State/UT-wise including southern States;

(f) the details of capacity/requirement of gas-based power generating stations, fertilizer plants and SME in the country and quantum of natural gas/RLNG available and supplied to power/fertilizer and SME sectors in various States along with the steps taken by the Government to adopt flexible approach in allocation of gas to power/fertilizers/SME sector as per their requirement, Sector/State/UT-wise; and

(g) whether the gas based SME/power/ fertilizers industries are badly affected and are on the verge of closure due to short supply of gas in various States and if so, the details thereof along with any request from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh for ensuring sufficient supply of natural gas to the said sectors and follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard, State/ UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) The supply of natural gas in the country along with the quantum of LNG imported during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

(MMSCM)

<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18)</b>	<b>2018-19 (P) (April-Oct 2018)</b>
Net availability of domestic gas	31129	30848	31731	18586
LNG import	21388	24686	26328	16468
Total consumption	52517	55534	58059	35054

The quantum of crude oil imported during the last three years and current year is as under:

<b>Crude oil</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19 (P) (April-Nov 2018)</b>
	202.9	213.9	220.4	151.0

(b) Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) is imported under open general license on the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the buyers and sellers. Based on techno-commercial contracts, the companies procure LNG / crude from countries across the world. Indian refineries import crude oil from diverse sources depending on technical and commercial consideration. Indian Public Sector refineries are diversifying their crude sources to strengthen India's energy security.

(c) The Government had approved a scheme for Gas Pooling in fertilizers sector on 31.03.2015. The scheme seeks to establish a mechanism for pooling the price of domestic gas and RLNG for offering a uniform gas price to all the customers in Fertilizers sector. The Government had also approved a Power Sector Development Fund (PSDF) in connection with supply of RLNG to gas based plants selected through the reverse e-bidding process. The scheme concluded on 31.03.2017.

(d) Domestic gas is being allocated to all sectors as per Gas Utilization Policy of the Government. The domestic gas is first allocated to the priority sector such CGD sector for PNG (Domestic) and CNG (Transport), Fertilizer, Power, LPG etc.

(e) to (g) Any demand over and above domestic gas (including for SME Sector) may be met through imported R-LNG which is imported under open general license on mutually agreed terms. The details of domestic gas production in the country, average production of KG-D-6 and Domestic Gas supply to Power sector and Fertilizers sector are as under:

(MMSCMD)

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Domestic gas production	97.00	90.99	88.12	87.39	89.45
Average gas production of KG-D6	13.54	11.91	10.33	7.45	5.5
Domestic gas supply to Power Sector	27.26	25.33	22.87	25.00	25.71
Domestic gas supply to Fertilizers Sector	30.30	26.70	26.51	21.52	18.83
Domestic gas supply to industries including SME	15.21	12.74	9.63	10.90	13.84

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