

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4368

TO BE ANSWERED ON 7.01.2019

Gas based Power Plants

4368. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

(a) the reasons for not supplying adequate quantity of domestic gas to gas-based power plants which has left these power plants stranded;

(b) the reasons for reduced production of gas by the Reliance-owned portion of the KG Basin; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/being taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Domestic gas is being allocated to all sectors including power sector as per Gas Utilization Policy of the Government. Supply of domestic gas against allocation is subject to availability. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is imported under open general license by the power plants on the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the buyers and sellers.

(b) & (c) The reported reasons for reduced gas production from KG-DWN-98/3 (Operator-RIL), *inter-alia* include cessation of 13 wells out of 18 gas producer well in D1 & D3 fields due to water loading/ sand ingress in wellbores. Cessure of 7 oil/ gas producer well in MA field due to water ingress in wellbores decline in pressure, variance in reservoir behaviour etc. The corrective measures taken to increase natural gas production in KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6) block are as under:

- i. To undertake appropriate remedial measures to revive the sick wells in D1 & D3 fields.
- ii. Installation of booster compressor at Onshore Terminal to increase gas recovery from D1 & D3 fields.
- iii. The Field Development Plans (FDP)/ Revised Field Development Plans (RFDP) for D-34 field, D-2 & D-22, D-29 & D-30 and MJ (D-55) fields have been approved by MC to monetize hydrocarbon.