

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 943
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th December, 2018

New Petroleum Policy

943. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to hold consultation with industry/investors before formulating any new policy regarding development of oil/gas and other petroleum products and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the new oil/petroleum policy;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to deregulate the price of natural gas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the country's per day barrel consumption is 4.5 MT and refining capacity is 5 million barrels per day and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) Whether the demand of petroleum products including petrol/diesel has increased at a compounded annual growth rate of 5.5 percent from 2013 to 2017 despite increase in the electric vehicles and the country is adding 380000 barrels per day in global oil demand and if so, the details thereof along with steps taken by the Government to meet the demand?

ANSWER

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(श्री धर्मन्द्र प्रधान)

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

(a): There is no proposal at present to formulate a new policy regarding development of Oil/Gas and other petroleum products.

(b): The Government of India has formulated the following policies / guidelines which provide pricing and marketing freedom for sale of Natural Gas:

1. Discovered Small Fields policy notified on 31.10.2015.
2. Policy on Pricing Mechanism for Deep Water, Ultra Deep Water and High Pressure – High Temperature (HP-HT) areas notified on 21.03.2016.
3. Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing policy notified on 30.03.2016.
4. Policy for Early Monetization of Coal Bed Methane notified on 11.04.2017.
5. Discovered Small Fields policy Bid Round-II notified on 05.04.2018.
6. Policy on Gas Pricing in North Eastern Region (NER) notified on 14.08.2018 whereby contractors have been allowed marketing and pricing freedom of Natural Gas produced from discoveries allocated in NER which were to commence commercial production as on 01.07.2018 in NER.

(c): The consumption of petroleum products and refining capacity during the last three years and current year is as follows:

POL consumption	
Year	MMT
2015-16	184.7
2016-17	194.6
2017-18	206.2
2018-19 (Apr-Oct)(P)	122.1

Refining Capacity	
As on	MMT per annum
1.4.2016	230.1
1.4.2017	234
1.4.2018	247.6
1.11.2018	249.4

MMT – Million Metric Tonnes, POL – Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

(d): The demand of all petroleum products in the country increased at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5.6% during the period 2012-2013 to 2017-2018. The consumption of petroleum products increased by 9.9 MMT during 2016 -17 and 11.6 MMT during 2017-18 as compared to the previous year.

The country is self-sufficient in meeting the overall demand of petroleum products and is also a net exporter of POL products. However, there is deficit in production of LPG and lubricants for which demand is met through imports.
