

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2022

Import of Gas

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पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether the country imports fifty per cent of its domestic requirement of gas and the pressure on import of gas has increased in changing global scenario;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the demand of gas in the country; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred on exploration of gas and research in the country during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) India's import dependency based on consumption for natural gas has decreased from 48.2% in Financial Year 2021-22 to 46.3% in Financial Year 2022-23 (April to October). Government has taken multiple steps/launched various policy initiatives to increase domestic production of natural gas and adopted strategies for promotion of biofuels. These, inter-alia, include support for compressed Biogas, National Gas Grid for pipeline infrastructure, City Gas distribution Networks and LNG regasification terminals are being developed to ensure availability of gas to all demand centres.

(c) Under production sharing and revenue sharing contract regimes, hydrocarbon (oil and gas) exploration activities are carried out by the operating companies. As reported by operating companies, an investment of approximately 1.8 Billion USD (Provisional) has been made in exploration activities, in the last 5 years.
