

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3745
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2023
Rationing of Supplies by GAIL

3745. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that GAIL (India) Limited has started gas rationing, cutting supplies to fertilizer and industrial clients after imports were hit under its deal with a former unit of Russian energy giant Gazprom Germania and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Russian energy giant has said that it may not be able to meet supplies under their long-time deal; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by GAIL (India) Limited to meet the shortage of gas in the wake of the above decision?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री
(श्री रामेश्वर तेली)

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

(a) to (c) In view of limitation in supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carried out by Gazprom Marketing and Trading Singapore (GMTS), GAIL (India) Limited had imposed certain supply regulations on Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to downstream customers from mid-July 2022 to mid-March 2023. These regulations were within the contract executed by GAIL.

In order to meet the shortage, GAIL had sourced spot LNG/RLNG volumes from domestic/international market and also partially/fully stopped its Petrochemical complex at PATA plant for fulfilling supply obligations to the customers.

SEFE Marketing and Trading Singapore Pte Ltd "SMTS" (erstwhile Gazprom Marketing and Trading Singapore Pte Ltd "GMTS") in its Annual Delivery Plan and in their latest communications have maintained their alleged Force Majeure stance citing various reasons such as Russian Sanctions on its LNG Source / Portfolio and mandate from German Authorities (BnetzA) for ensuring Energy Security for Europe for their inability to deliver LNG cargoes. However, while SMTS maintains its Force Majeure stance, as on date SMTS has informed that they shall be able to supply 02 cargoes in Mar 2023 and 02 in Apr 2023.
