

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2020

Use of Natural Gas to operate Telecom Towers

3533. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

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

- (a) whether as many as 5 lakh telecom towers are in operation in the country and these towers are consuming around 325 million litres of diesel a year;
- (b) if so, whether any efforts have been made by the Government to push the Telecom Ministry to use natural gas to operate these towers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has suggested to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to ban the use of diesel to operate telecom towers?

A N S W E R

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MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Department of Telecommunications has informed that Standing Advisory Committee on radio Frequency Allocation (SACFA) Secretariat, issued siting clearance of approximately 11,47,704 telecom towers. Oil Marketing companies have informed that telecom towers are consuming about 426 million liters of Diesel per year.
- (b) & (c) In order to spread awareness on the benefits of environment friendly fuel i.e. Natural Gas and its potential; usage in various sectors including Telecom Tower gensets, this Ministry has taken a series of steps including organizing a National Conclave on Energy Opportunities in Natural Gas Sector on 23.01.2020.
