

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate a national energy policy in view of rising global prices of crude oil following an Iraqi decision to stop sales;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the new energy policy and whether the demand of gas and oil in the country have been increasing continuously;
- (c) if so, the details of alternative strategies to be adopted to curtail consumption of oil and gas;
- (d) whether the Government propose to seek help from the developed countries in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) & (b): An Energy Policy Committee has been set up in the Planning Commission to formulate an Energy Policy for the country. Overall demand of oil and gas in the country has been increasing continuously.
- (c): Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), set up under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, undertakes schemes and programmes that help avoiding wasteful consumption and for promotion of conservation of petroleum products. These include awareness campaigns, training programmes in the transport sector, introduction of efficient boilers, furnaces & other oil operated equipments in the industrial sector, rectification of existing pumps to make them more energy efficient in the agriculture sector, development & promotion of fuel efficient equipments and appliances like kerosene and LPG stove in the household sector etc.
- (d): There is no proposal under consideration of Government.
- (e): Dose not arise.