

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3749  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002  
PRICES OF NATURAL GAS  
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

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

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have urged the Union Government not to increase the price of natural gas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Government has laid down a long term policy for development of hydrocarbon sector which, inter-alia, also provides phased deregulation of hydrocarbon sector and phased dismantling of Administered Price Mechanism. In line with the above policy, the natural gas prices should be market determined. Some State Governments including Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested Government against any increase in price of natural gas. No decision has been taken in the matter by the Government. While deciding the issue all factors including requests of State Government will be taken into account.