

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4252
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RESCUE TO SRILANKA IN WAKE OF OIL CRISIS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has agreed to rescue Srilanka in case of oil crisis during war;
- (b) if so, to what extent the Government will meet Srilanka`s demand; and
- (c) the Government`s position in regard to meeting indigenous requirement vis-a-vis rescuing Srilanka?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Srilanka`s requirements are limited as compared to our indigenous requirements. The Government has made a plan so as to meet both the indigenous as well as Srilanka`s requirements in case of oil crisis during the ongoing US-Iraq war.