

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

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

- (a) the quantity of natural gas being utilized in different parts of the country particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) the quantity of gas being processed into Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and plans for increasing LPG production in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to utilize natural gas in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The total production of natural gas in the country is about 90 MMSCMD. After meeting the requirements of internal consumption of the gas producers, about 75 MMSCMD gas is available for supply to various consumers. In addition, about 18 MMSCMD of regasified LNG is available ex-Dahej LNG terminal. The available gas is supplied to the States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi along the HBJ pipeline; and to the Uran region in Maharashtra; the KG Basin in Andhra Pradesh, the Cauvery Basin in Tamil Nadu, and Assam and Tripura. At present, no natural gas is being supplied to West Bengal.

(b): The fractionators of ONGC and GAIL produced about 2.2 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of LPG during 2004-05. Further increase in LPG production from natural gas will depend on the additional availability of rich gas.

(c): All the available natural gas in the country is fully utilized at present. The Government have taken initiatives to increase the domestic production of natural gas under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and to import gas, both as piped gas and LNG.