

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

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DEMAND OF GAS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF GAS BASED PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand of gas has increased during the last three years due to construction of various gas based projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the demand of gas made by these projects during the last three years separately; and
- (c) the percentage of gas allocated by the Government during the said period out of the total available gas to fertilizer, power, steel and other sector projects?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The demand of natural gas is progressively increasing with setting up/expansion of gas based projects in the country. Demand is subject to availability and price. At present, the Indian gas market is a supply deficient market. Therefore, as against a total allocation of 120 MMSCMD, the supply of natural gas has been around 65-66 MMSCMD.

As per the India Hydrocarbon Vision - 2025 the demand for natural gas, which was assessed at 151 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) in the year 2001-02, is expected to increase to 231 MMSCMD in the year 2006-07.

(c) Out of the allocation of 120 MMSCMD of natural gas upto 2003-04, 43.6% was allocated to the Power Sector, 26.6% to the Fertilizer Sector, 4.8% to Sponge Iron and 25% to others.