

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

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GAS SUPPLY TO RATNAGIRI POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the natural gas supply to Ratnagiri Gas and Power Limited would be delayed as Qatar's Ras Laffan Gas Co. is willing to provide LNG either at Dahej or Hazira;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the likely impact on other projects; and
- (c) the additional expenditure likely to be increased due to said developments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : The commissioning of the LNG receiving terminal at Ratnagiri has been delayed and the long term LNG supplies for this terminal, are in the process being tied up by Gail (India) Limited, (GAIL), is laying Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL), and Dabhol-Panvel pipeline (DPPL), with a view to supplying natural gas to the Ratnagiri power project from Dahej LNG terminal. DUPL and DPPL projects are expected to be commissioned by 31st March 2007 at estimated cost of Rs. 1830 crore and Rs. 1326 crore respectively. Petronet LNG Limited (PLL), who owns the Dahej LNG terminal, is in the process of tying-up short-term LNG supplies for the project from Qatar. It is envisaged that once Ratnagiri LNG terminal is commissioned with all associated facilities and the supplies for this terminal are tied-up, the gas supplies to the Ratnagiri power project could be received directly through Dahej terminal. DUPL would be used for supplying gas from Dahej terminal to Uran area and DPPL for supplying merchant sales gas quantities from Dabhol terminal to Panvel area. Linkages of LNG terminals provide a lot of flexibility in terms of gas supply management.