

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

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ADDITIONAL GAS TO MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for supply of additional Natural Gas/LNG;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Chief Minister of Maharashtra in January, 2006, had interalia requested for :-

1. Enhancing gas supplies in Uran so as to enable full capacity utilization of MahaGenco power plant.
2. 13 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) of gas is required for expansion plans of MahaGenco at Uran and Telgaon.
3. Expeditious construction of Dahej Uran pipeline.

(c): As against an allocation of around 17.5 MMSCMD gas in Uran region, the availability is around 10 MMSCMD. However, to tide over power shortage during summer, as per Government of Maharashtra's request for additional supply of gas to MSEB around 0.33 MMSCMD gas was diverted from M/s RCF, Trombay to GTPS Uran (MSEB) during the period 15.4.2006 to 15.6.2006. Therefore there was an increased supply of gas to GTPS Uran (MSEB) during the 1st Quarter of 2006-07.

With a view to facilitating transportation of gas to Maharashtra region, GAIL is in the process of laying Dahej-Uran pipeline and Dabhol-Panvel pipeline. The consumers would, however, need to tie-up their gas requirements with the gas suppliers. The steps taken to increase the gas availability in the country include efforts to augment domestic gas availability under the New Exploration Licensing Policy, imports of liquefied natural gas and initiatives to import gas through transnational pipelines.