

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1481  
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ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL LNG TO MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the implementation of Dahej Uran Pipeline is in progress ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to allocate additional Natural Gas/LNG to Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has raised any points regarding the proposal ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons for not allocating additional gas to Maharashtra; and
- (g) the present status of the proposal and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken to allocate additional gas to Maharashtra?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has, interalia, requested for :-

1. Enhancing gas supplies in Uran, so as to enable full capacity utilization of Maha Genco power plant.
2. Supply of 13 million standard cubic metre per day (MMSCMD) of gas for expansion of Maha Genco at Uran and Telgaon.
3. Operationalization of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) power plant to run on R-LNG, for which availability of R-LNG should be arranged at an affordable price.
4. Supplying natural gas/LNG to the consumers in Maharashtra.

(d) to (g): With a view to facilitate transportation of gas to Maharashtra region, GAIL is in the process of laying Dahej-Uran pipeline and Dabhol-Panvel pipeline. Further, the production of gas from offshore fields of KG Basin is likely to be available by 2008-09, which will be transported through Kakinda-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad pipeline. The consumers would, however, need to tie-up their gas requirements with the gas suppliers. Government has advised Maharashtra accordingly.

The Dabhol power plant has been taken over by Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited

(RGPPL), a Joint Venture of GAIL and NTPC. The plant would be able to use R-LNG once pipeline connectivity from the LNG terminal in Dahej, Gujarat is in place. R-LNG is being sourced by Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) on short term basis for about two years for supply to RGPPL through GAIL's Dahej Dabhol pipeline.