

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

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INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the consumption of natural gas has increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the figures during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the increased consumption of natural gas can increase the petroleum products surplus; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. There has been a marginal increase in the consumption of natural gas during the last three years. The consumption during last three years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 has been about 65, 69 and 73 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD) respectively.

(c)&(d) As the increase was marginal, there has been no significant impact on consumption of petroleum products.