

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

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

- (a) whether there is a gap of demand and supply of natural gas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of production of natural gas and the quantum of gas imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country/company-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has paid higher prices for imported natural gas as compared to domestic prices;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the average percentage of demand for natural gas met through imports during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details of production of natural gas and the quantum of gas imported by different entities during the last three years and the current year is given in annexure.

(c) & (d): Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is imported by different entities under Open General License. The price of LNG imported under term contracts is governed by the Sale and Purchase Agreement between the seller and buyer whereas spot cargoes are purchased on mutually agreeable commercial terms. Price of imported gas is higher than the price of domestic gas fixed by the Government.

(e): The percentage of demand for natural gas met through imports during the period 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:

Year	Total consumption (in MMSCMD)	Supply of imported LNG (in MMSCMD)	Consumption met through imported LNG (in %)
2011-12	154.29	39.62	25.67
2012-13	134.28	40.08	29.84
2013-14	121.13	41.11	33.93