

Gas Cooperation Agreement between GAIL and State Governments

1036. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has carried out any study to evaluate the State-wise gas demand and pipeline infrastructure needs;

(b) if so, the State-wise figure of gas demand and the period to which it pertains;

(c) the name of the State with whom GAIL has signed the Gas Cooperation Agreement and the States with whom it proposes to; and

(d) the main features of this Agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, sir. Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has undertaken studies for potential demand of natural gas in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal and Kerala and is in the process of assessing gas demand there.

(c) GAIL has signed Gas Cooperation Agreement (GCA) with the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal and Kerala and proposes to execute similar agreements with the States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana.

(d) The main features of the GCA are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Main Features of Gas Cooperation Agreement

Gas Cooperation Agreement (GCA) is signed between GAIL and a premier agency of the State Government which looks after promotion of industrial and infrastructural investments in the State. Within the GCA, the parties decide together to set up a joint working group (JWG) involving officials from GAIL, premier State agency and other State Government Departments i.e., Energy, Industry, Agriculture, Urban Development, Environment, Chamber of Commerce etc. Accordingly, the parties also agree to work together

to study the potential of utilization of gas within the State and the pipeline and other infrastructure required for gas marketing considering *inter-alia* various gas supply sources for ensuring long-term supplies at competitive prices.

Oil Produced in New Oil Blocks/Sectors

1037. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that production has been started in new oil sectors/blocks during the last three years in order to boost the domestic crude oil production in the country;

(b) if so, the names of these new oil sectors/blocks; and

(c) the quantum of crude oil produced in the last six months in each sector in 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following oil fields/ structures have been put on production in the country during the period 1998-99 to 2000-01:—

Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.

Gujarat	Wadasma, Kherwa, Hirapur, Asmali, Vatrak, Anklay, North Sarbhan and Akholjuni
Andhra Pradesh	Gopavaram, Suryaraopeta
