

"Supply of gas to RGTPP"

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

(a) how much quantity of gas is presently available of Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Project (RGTPP),

(b) the quantum of additional quantity of gas which would still be required to run the plant at full capacity;

(c) the name of the agency who would supply additional gas for this project; and

(d) by when, gas will be made available to run both the Gas Turbines at full load?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Ramgarh Gas Thermal Power Station (RGTPS) has gas allocation of 0.75 Million Standard Cubic metres Per Day (MMSCMD) and, at present, GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) is supplying this quantity to them. The gas requirement for the operation of RGTPP at 90% Plant Load Factor (PLF) is projected to be 1.18 MMSCMD. The entire gas presently available from the producing fields of ONGC/OIL in Jaisalmer area, about 0.75 MMSCMD, has been committed for supply to RGTPP.

(c) and (d) Gas from the fields of OIL and ONGCL at Dandewala and Gamnewala respectively is being supplied to the plant. This is being done through the pipeline network of GAIL, OIL is expecting an additional gas availability of 0.2 MMSCMD by 2007-08. This would take the overall gas availability to 0.95 MMSCMD. Negotiations for commercial arrangements for the additional gas are underway.

Additional morning flight to Ranchi from Delhi

*290. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when, Ranchi will be connected to Delhi by an additional morning flight; and

(b) whether there is any plan with Indian Airlines to have a direct flight from Ranchi to Mumbai?