

### Use of natural gas from upper Assam oil-fields

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

(a) whether Government have received any request from Government of Assam to allow the State Government to make use of the natural gas from the upper Assam oil-fields which is being flared up; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Natural gas has been committed for supply to the following consumers in Assam on regular basis:

Consumers	Quantity in million cubic metres per day
Assam State Electricity Board	1.00
Tea Estates	0.02
Assam Oil Company	0.22
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation	} 0.97
Namrup Project Phases I & II	
Assam Gas Company	0.06
Others	0.25
	2.52

In addition, it has been proposed to supply gas to the following consumers also.

	Million cubic metres per day.
Assam State Electricity Board	0.40
Central Electricity Authority	1.00 (to 2.00)
Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Namrup Project Phase III	1.24
Assam Petrochemicals Ltd.	0.14
	3.78

Gas Authority of India Ltd. have also been asked to study the feasibility of connecting the pipelines of Oil India Ltd. and Oil and Natural Gas Commission and thereby supply surplus gas through a trunk pipeline to other users.

### Industries affected by power crisis

\*55. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a PTI survey published in the Times of India dated June 24, 1986 wherein it has been stated that power crisis and load shedding have affected industry and consumers in most of the States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what remedial measures had been taken by Government in this regard and what were the reasons for the ineffectiveness of those measures;

(d) what was the loss suffered by the industry on this account during last three years; and