

Gas Supply for Power Project in Rajasthan

†2147. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on 330 Megawatts gas-based power project in Dholpur, Rajasthan has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details of the quantum of gas targeted to be allocated by the Central Government on Government rates for above project during Twelfth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N SINGH): (a) The 330 MW gas based power plant of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL) at Dholpur, Rajasthan is an operational power plant. RRVUNL has envisaged a 330 MW expansion project subject to statutory clearances and availability of domestic gas.

(b) No allocation of gas has been made for the aforesaid expansion project so far.

Increase in Prices of Natural Gas Produced in the Country

2148. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that natural gas from Turkmenistan would be delivered to India at an estimated price of about \$ 10 per unit as compared to \$ 4.2 per unit available in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider increasing the price of natural gas of Indian producers in view of spot market price of \$ 15-16 per unit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH): (a) The Gas Sale & Purchase Agreement (GSPA) relating to the Turkmenistan - Afghanistan - Pakistan - India (TAPI) Pipeline project, which includes *inter alia* the pricing of Turkmen Gas is yet to be signed.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Pricing of domestic Natural Gas is as per the provisions of Production Sharing Contract.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.