

Termination of gas supply to non-urea fertilizer plants

1513. SHRI A.A. JINNAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has proposed to cut off the supply of cheap gas to non-urea fertilizer plants;

(b) if so, whether this move will affect the public fertilizers companies and would also affect the country's ammonia production which is used for producing fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) The proposal of the Ministry to suspend the supply of KG-D6 gas to non-urea fertilizer plants including the proposal to restrict future supply only to urea plants has been kept in abeyance by the Empowered Group of Minister (EGoM) on pricing and commercial utilization of gas till 24.05.2012.

Gas-based urea plant in Tripura

1514. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC in a joint venture (JV) with the Tripura Government and a fertilizer company is proposing to set up a Rs. 5,000 crore gas-based urea plant in Tripura; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has a tentative proposal to set up a gas based Urea Fertilizer Plant in Tripura based on Khubal Gas discovery through Joint Venture subject to feasibility study on viability, investment requirements, attendant risks and mitigation measures.

Poor response to ONGC auction

1515. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been poor response to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) auction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the dull response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. Singh): Information provided by Department of Disinvestment, Ministry of Finance with respect to part (a) to (c) of the Question is as follows:

(a) and (b) No, Sir, the offer for sale of shares by promoters through the Stock Exchange Mechanism in the case of disinvestment of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India was successful. Against a Floor Price of Rs. 290/- per share, Government could realize an average price of Rs. 303.67 per share. A total of 3,982 bids were received for 54 crore shares, however, the number of valid bids came to only 2,763 for 42.04 crore shares against offer of 42.77 crore shares.

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

Production of bio-diesel in the country

1516. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes set for bio-diesel production in the country showing the reasons for delay in full commissioning of production;

(b) the details of collection and processing points and the methodology adopted to associate people to adopt it as a source of income, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the actual commission is likely to be effected showing the organisational network finalized;

(d) whether the Brazil model of producing petroleum from sugarcane is being implemented in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) The responsibility for handling work relating to Bio-fuels is as under:

Sl.No.	Ministry/ Deptt.	Responsibility
(i)	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	Policy formulation and coordination in respect of all policy issues relating to bio-fuels
(ii)	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation	Issues relating to production of plant material, development of nurseries and plantations.
(iii)	Department of Agricultural Research and Education	Research in plant genetics concerning bio-fuels.
(iv)	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	Marketing, distribution and retailing of bio-fuels and its blended products.
(v)	Department of Consumer Affairs	Standards
(vi)	Ministry of Rural Developments	Overall coordination of bio-fuel plant production.