

**Demand for increasing gas price**

†1189. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many gas producing enterprises have demanded from Government to increase the price of indigenously produce gas from current \$4.2 per unit to around \$13 per unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis behind the request from the oil producers for increasing the price of indigenously produced gas by approximately 300 per cent; and

(d) the percentage of gas being imported to meet the gas requirement of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The EGoM has approved the price formula based on which the current NELP gas produced from the block KG-DWN-98/3 works out to be US \$ 4.2 per Million Metric British Thermal Unit (MMBTU) at crude price greater or equal to US \$ 60 per barrel. The EGoM has approved the price formula for a period of five (5) years from the dated of commencement of supply of gas from the above block.

On 6th September, 2010, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) represented to this Ministry that they have an offer for purchase of gas at higher rate than the rate approved by the EGoM and they sought guidance and as to how to proceed as per the PSC. RIL was instructed to comply with the price finalized by EGoM

(d) During 2011-12, 25.5% of the total supply of gas was met through imported RLNG.

**Employment opportunities for people living near  
oil wells in Tamil Nadu**

1190. SHRI A.A. JINNAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of oil wells in the various districts of Tamil Nadu;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.