

**Irregular supply of Gas to Dabhol Power Plant**

\*480. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Dabhol Power Plant of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited is presently facing severe problems due to irregular supply of natural gas from K.G. Basin of Reliance Industries Limited;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the running of the plant with its full capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Against an allocation of 7.6 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) of natural gas from Krishna Godavari Dhirubhai-6 (KG D6) basin, the gas supply to Dabhol Power Plant of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited (RGPPL) has become zero since March, 2013.

This Ministry has suggested *vide* letter dated 28.03.2014 to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas that upto about 4 MMSCMD additional domestic gas becoming available to the Power Sector during 2014-15 be made available to RGPPL.

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**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS****Promotion of clean coal technologies**

3381. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps the Ministry has taken to promote clean coal technologies to improve the efficiency in production;

(b) whether any technological agreements have been signed with other countries in bringing such technologies to India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Coal washing is one of the practices being promoted as a measure to encourage clean coal technologies and Coal India Limited (CIL) is in the process of setting up sixteen new coal washeries with a total throughput capacity of 92.1 million tonnes per year through global tendering process. The construction has already started in 3 washeries.