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Unstarred Questions

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Entire requirement of household PNG is met through domestic natural gas which is relatively cheap as compared to imported LNG.

Fall in output from offshore KG Gas Fields

428. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether output from the offshore Krishna Godavari gas fields has fallen drastically in the past four years and is way below the promised volumes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of shortfall so created in the supply of gas from the KG D-6 basin to gas-based power plants; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase/compensate gas supply to the affected end users?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Under the PSC regime, gas production in Krishna-Godavari basin from Dl, D3 and MA fields in KG-DWN-98/3 block, operated by M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. has declined. The actual production of gas from KG-DWN-98/3 block *vis-a-vis* Production Targets based on field development plans during last three years (2011-12 to 2013-14) and the current year (2014-15) is as under:

Unit (MMSCMD)	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
				(April-October, 2014)
Envisaged Production	69.52	86.44	87.31	88.93
based on AIDP (D1,				
D3 Fields) + RFDP				
(MA Field)				
Actual Production	42.65	26.07	13.84	12.61
% Achievement	61.3%	30.2%	15.8%	14.2%

(MMSCMD- Million Standard Cubic Meters/Day

AIDP- Addendum to Initial Development Plan

RFDP -Revised Field Development Plan)

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(b) Against the KG-D6 firm allocation of 32.667 mmscmd of gas to power sector, the details of supply of KG-D6 gas to power sector during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and -2014-15 (April-October, 2014) is as under:

Period	KG-D6 Gas supplied to power sector (in mmscmd)		
2011-12	23.23		
2012-13	8.38		
2013-14	0		
2014-15 (April- Oct, 2014)	0		

(c) In order to increase the gas production from Gas fields of KG-DWN-98/3 block, following steps have been taken:

- The Contractor's proposal to install booster compressor at Onshore Terminal to increase gas recovery from Dl & D3 fields (under AIDP) has been approved by the Management Committee (MC). This will help in reducing the back pressure on the wells and may lead to lower abandonment pressures. The compressors are expected to be commissioned by the Contractor in 2014-15.
- The Optimized Field Development Plan (OFDP) of another 4 gas discoveries (D-2, 6, 19 & 22) has been approved by MC and is under implementation.
- The Field Development Plan (FDP) of gas discovery D-34 has also been approved by MC and is under implementation.
- The appraisal plan of MJ-1 gas discovery made in this block has also been approved by the MC.
- A Revised Field Development Plan (RFDP) for MA field had been approved by the Management Committee (MC) and is under implementation. As per the approved RFDP, 1 new gas well (MA-8) was drilled and is on production since January-14.
- One sick well MA-6H had been side-tracked and also been put on production since April-2014. However, MA-6H is not performing as envisaged as it encountered poorer reservoir characteristics.
- There is a further plan to side-track another sick well in MA field to increase production from the field.

• Work-over of 3 ceased wells in Dl & D3 completed. Further, one substitute well in these fields is currently under drilling.

Government decided on 23.8.2013 that supply of domestic gas to Fertilizer sector be maintained at 31.5 mmscmd and all the additional NELP production after meeting the supply level of 31.5 mmscmd of Fertilizer sector, during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 be supplied to Power Sector.

Deregulation of diesel prices to check inflation

†429.DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating about deregulating the prices of diesel in order to check inflation;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when the deregulated prices of diesel will come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Effective 19th October 2014, the Government has already made the price of Diesel market determined, both at retail and refinery gate level, for all consumers.

Digitization of files and data

430. SHRI SALIMANSARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to digitize files and other important data in order to move towards complete e-governance and align itself with Digital India Programme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with the dead-line set for the project;

(c) whether Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry have also been asked to plan such services with Digital India Programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry

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