

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Public Sector Oil Companies, *i.e.* Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.(BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) and Mangalore Refinery Petrochemicals Ltd.(MRPL) import crude oil and petroleum products through Term Contract and Spot purchase. The details of import of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products are given in Statement.

**Statement**

*Agreement with foreign countries for import of petroleum products.*

Name of the Company	Crude oil import in 2014-15 (in MMT)		
	Term	Spot	Total
IOCL	39.81	12.63	52.44
BPCL	14.78	3.38	18.16
HPCL	10.88	2.15	13.03
MRPL	12.16	0.86	13.02

  

Name of the Company	Petroleum products imports in 2014-15 (in MMT)		
	Term	Spot	Total
IOCL	4.37	0.54	4.91
BPCL	1.930	—	1.930
HPCL	1.48	0.094	1.574
MRPL	—	—	—

**Increase in demand of natural gas**

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of natural gas during the Twelfth Plan is likely to grow by about 19.2 per cent to meet the incremental requirement of power, fertilizer and other industries;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to find out the percentage of growth of demand of natural gas in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any shortage of natural gas for power, fertilizer and other industries, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to meet the required demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Working Group on Petroleum and Natural Gas sector for Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans has projected the demand of natural gas by various sectors during the period 2014-15 to 2018-19 as under:

Year	Demand of natural gas by various sectors (in MMSCMD)
2014-15	405
2015-16	446
2016-17	473
2017-18	494
2018-19	523

(d) Availability of natural gas in the country has declined due to decline in domestic gas production. The actual gas demand is price sensitive and total gas consumption during 2014-15 was 116.78 MMSCMD (73.93 MMSCMD domestic and 42.85 MMSCMD R-LNG). Due to less demand for imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), out of 62.10 MMSCMD of total regasification capacity, 19.25 MMSCMD remained unutilized. Existing capacity of pipeline network is about 430 MMSCMD which is much higher than the consumption and demand.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in its meeting dated 25.03.2015 and 31.03.2015 has approved the policy to revive and improve utilization of the stranded gas based power generation capacity and pooling of gas in fertilizer (urea) Sectors. The former has made R-LNG based power generation commercially viable for idle/ stranded gas based power plants, while the later has enabled fertilizer plants manufacturing urea to run at its full capacities.

(e) In order to enhance availability of natural gas in the country, Government has taken several steps which inter alia include the following:

- (i) Intensification of domestic Exploration and Production (E&P) activities through New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) rounds;
- (ii) Shale Gas Policy framework;
- (iii) Research and development of Gas Hydrate resources in the country;
- (iv) Import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from various countries;
- (v) Pursuing various transnational pipelines;
- (vi) Clearance for exploration and development of some NELP blocks where the same was held up by various agencies; and
- (vii) Exploration in the Mining Lease Area has been allowed with certain conditions.