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Odisha	32.94	8.05	4.75	3.42
Sikkim	1.13	0.12	0.09	0.09
Tripura	4.09	0.63	0.57	0.52
West Bengal	110.67	17.47	11.90	11.72
TOTAL EAST	276.95	46.84	33.42	31.42
Chhattisgarh	19.44	3.67	2.83	1.98
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.69	0.05	0.09	0.06
Daman and Diu	0.60	0.04	0.05	0.05
Goa	4.33	0.14	0.17	0.24
Gujarat	66.16	5.15	4.96	4.86
Madhya Pradesh	68.41	8.74	7.82	8.29
Maharashtra	194.72	17.85	16.59	17.01
TOTAL WEST	354.35	35.64	32.50	32.48
Andhra Pradesh	106.92	16.45	9.87	17.10
Karnataka	104.26	13.21	11.22	8.48
Kerala	76.88	3.41	3.76	4.16
Lakshadweep	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Puducherry	3.27	0.14	0.17	0.14
Tamil Nadu	161.32	13.06	10.06	10.08
Telangana	84.61	12.24	8.96	--
TOTAL SOUTH	537.30	58.51	44.05	39.96
ALL INDIA	1662.55	204.54	163.44	159.13

\*New connections

### **Demand and production of LNG**

1255. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of demand and production of LNG in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) entered into an agreement with Golar LNG for shipping gas from the US to India; and
- (c) if so, the quantity of LNG that is likely to be imported and the cost at which GAIL is going to import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) LNG is not produced in the country instead it is imported from overseas. The demand of LNG is price sensitive. LNG is imported by different entities under Open General License keeping in view the demand conveyed directly to them by concerned buyers. The average daily consumption of LNG during 2015-16 was 58.17 MMSCMD.

(b) No, Sir.

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

**Projected investment to be made by SAIL**

1256. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected investment to be made by the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in the current expansion and modernization programme;

(b) the likely share for the special and alloy steel plants; and

(c) whether there is any long term plan to increase SAIL's presence and market share in special and alloy steel market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has undertaken modernisation and expansion with an indicative investment of around ₹ 72,000 crore which includes a provision of ₹ 10,264 crore towards development of mines.

(b) Modernization and expansion plan of SAIL includes an investment of ₹ 1902 crore towards modernisation and expansion of Salem Steel Plant.

(c) Given the present market conditions, SAIL plans to improve its presence and market share in the special steel and alloy market through strategies to reduce cost of production through reducing input costs, increasing order availability, liquidation of old stocks etc.

**Financial package to help revive steel sector**

1257. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is readying a financial package to help revive the steel sector and prevent bank loans advanced to steel firms from turning bad, if so, the details thereof;