

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.155  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**Contingency plan for natural gas infrastructure**

**155. Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a contingency plan towards a possible under-utilisation of gas-based infrastructure considering the increasing prices of LNG in Asia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans on building other alternative cost effective transitions considering the high cost of gas-based technologies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a)& (b) Considering the demand of natural gas across sectors and the possibility of price of LNG coming down in future, high under-utilization of natural gas infrastructure is not expected.

(c) & (d) Following steps have been taken by government for building other alternative cost effective transitions:

- i. Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative has been initiated to promote Bio-CNG to complement usage of natural gas.
- ii. Hydrogen Mission wherein the focus is on greater use of hydrogen in the energy mix.

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