

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1201**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

Import of LNG

1201. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's LNG imports jumped 20 per cent year on year basis during the first half of the current year on strong growth demand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether LNG is the only option in boosting the country's gas demand during the next few years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the country's gas market has relatively low penetration of around 6.5 per cent of energy mix as against the Government's target of 15 per cent by 2020 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether this is due to inadequate infrastructure of pipeline for LNG expansions and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) Country's LNG imports jumped 15.5 per cent year on year basis during the first half of the current year is as given below:

LNG Import	H1 2018-19	H1 2017-18	% Change
Qty(MMSCM)	14085	12195	15.5

(b) to (d) Gas supplies to different sectors are made from (i) Domestic sources i.e. Natural Gas produced within the country and (ii) Imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Domestic natural gas is allocated as per the prevailing gas allocation policy depending upon the availability and balance demand is being met through the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) which is imported under open general license on the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between the buyers and sellers.

The present share of Natural gas of India in primary energy basket is 6.2% as per BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2018. The target is to increase this share to 15% by 2030.

Government is promoting expansion of Natural Gas Infrastructure, i.e. pipeline, LNG Terminals, City Gas Distribution & Compressed Natural Gas retail network in the country. CGD networks ensure the supply of cleaner fuel (i.e. PNG) to households, industrial & commercial units as well as transportation fuel (i.e. CNG) to vehicles and has also taken policy decisions to boost Exploration and production activities.