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Of the country's total production, 12 percent gas is used in households for cooking. Gas connections to households have remained closed since 2009.

Addressing the press conference, prime minister's energy advisor Taufiq-E-Elahi Chowdhury said gas would be supplied to industries and power sectors when its production will rise.

The price of LPG is relatively higher although the government is promoting it. In this regard, the energy advisor said it would be managed by reducing LPG price and hiking that of piped one.

Chairman of state-owned national oil company Petrobangla Hossain Mansur said the country's daily gas demand was currently 2,500 million cubic feet against its production of 2,000 million cubic feet.

By the end of 2011, he said the demand will be 2,800 million cubic feet while 3,382 million cubic feet by the end of 2012.

Saying that BAPEX is being strengthened, Taufiq-E-Elahi said the government was thinking of signing state-to-state and joint venture deals with foreign companies to lift and explore gas.

About the government plan to buy coal mines abroad, he said: "We're thinking to import coal and buy coal mines abroad like India and China."

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