

Natural Gas Available in NER for Industrial use

3030. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of natural gas available in the North Eastern Region, particularly, in Arunachal Pradesh for allotment of industrial use;
- (b) how much quantity, has been allotted among the industrial units sector-wise; and
- (c) what steps has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The present availability of natural gas for supply to consumers in the North Eastern Region is around 7.09 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD), out of which the availability in Arunachal Pradesh is 0.06 MMSCMD.

(b) A total of around 8.02 MMSCMD has been allocated to the various industries in the region, out of which 4.50 MMSCMD is for Power Sector, 2.21 MMSCMD is for Fertiliser Sector and 1.31 MMSCMD for Tea Gardens and other industrial units. Since presently there is no demand for gas, no allocation has been made in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) Oil India Ltd. has identified one consumer in Arunachal Pradesh for supply of gas.

LPG Distribution in Tamil Nadu

3031. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of agencies entrusted with the work of LPG distribution in Tamil Nadu till date, district-wise;
- (b) the number of LPG connections issued to them for distribution;
- (c) the number of additional connections provided to them during the last five years district-wise; and
- (d) the details of the new connections and new agencies likely to be sanctioned in each district of the State during the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) At present,