

Petrol Pump in Banka District, Bihar

†1644. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that three petrol pumps were sanctioned under the jurisdiction of Banks Municipality in Banka (Bihar);

(b) whether Government are aware that out of those three petrol pumps only one is operating and other two are closed; and

(c) whether Government propose to open two new petrol pumps within the jurisdiction of Banka Municipality keeping in view the growing numbers of vehicles and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At present there is only one retail outlet dealership in operation in Banka Nagar of Banka District. Two locations Viz. Banka and Bounsi in Banka District have been included in the approved Retail Outlet Marketing Plan for setting up RO dealerships.

Adequate LPG to consumer in Kerala

1645. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in supplying LPG to the consumers in Kerala;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate LPG supply to the consumers in Kerala; and

(c) whether Government will take action against those Gas Agencies deliberately delaying the LPG distribution to the customers in Trichur towns of Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Some backlog developed in the State of Kerala due to temporary bulk LPG constraints. Oil companies have been advised to operate LPG supply bases/bottling plants in extended hours/holidays so as to clear the existing backlog expeditiously.

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