

(IOC) has reported that there is a waiting list of 30035 as on 01.07.2009 for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) OMOs have released 15.22 lakh new LPG connections during the last three years in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The details are as under:-

	(Figs. In lakh)		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
IOC	2.27	3.14	2.05
BPCL	0.58	1.01	1.45
HPCL	1.23	2.17	1.32
TOTAL :	4.08	6.32	4.82

The district-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMOs concerned.

Investment in gas field in Iran

1734. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is planning to invest US\$ 3 billion in the Farzad gas field in Iran;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed investment;
- (c) the amount of gas that ONGC could extract from the above gas field; and
- (d) how Indian companies are competing with China to grab more and more oil fields in Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) ONGC Videsh Ltd.(OVL) has submitted Master Development Plan (MPD) of Farzad – B gas field, Persian Gulf, Iran to the Iranian Offshore Oil Company (IOOC) in compliance to the provisions of the Exploration Service Contract (ESC) for Farsi Block. The amount of the investment will depend on the approval of MDP by Iranian authorities.

(c) The potential of the gas production from Farzad – B gas field in 30 years is about 9.7 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF). Since the Farsi block is being operated by OVL under ESC, the amount of gas has not been committed to OVL.

(d) As there are number of opportunities for companies desiring to invest in Iran, at present Indian National Oil Companies are not competing with China to acquire oil field in Iran, however, competition cannot be ruled out in future as it will depend on the type and quality of opportunity being made available.

Profit of ONGC

1735. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: