

30%, with ONGC as Licensee of the block. So far, 15 hydrocarbon discoveries have been made consisting of 12 oil and 3 gas discoveries in this Block.

Commercial production of crude oil has commenced *w.e.f.* 29.08.2009 from the Mangala field in the block RJ-ON-90/1. Currently, the rate of oil production is varying between 5,000 and 30,000 barrels/day depending on the off take by the nominated refineries. Further, non-associated gas production has also commenced *w.e.f.* February, 2010 from Raageshwari Deep Gas with a current gas production rate of about 0.15 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD).

(c) and (d) The crude oil reserves in RJ-ON-90/1 block (Cairn-ONGC) as per approved Field Development Plan are as under.

In-Place Reserves	:	1570 MBBL
Recoverable Reserves	:	369 MMBBL

M/s Cairn Energy India recently issued a press release dated 23.03.2010 announcing the revision in estimates of hydrocarbon reserves in Rajasthan field. As per this announcement, the estimate of the resource base in Rajasthan provides a basis to produce 240,000 bopd from the block, subject to regulatory approvals and additional investments. The revision in estimates and production requires approval by Management Committee as per Production Sharing Contract.

Subsidy on LPG cylinder

‡4273. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to help the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) overcome losses, Government has to pay Rs. 260/- per gas cylinder as subsidy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that factory gate price of LPG is fixed on the basis of its import price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the average, annual percentage of gas volume that is imported for consumption in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) Under the Subsidy Scheme called "PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG Subsidy Scheme 2002", Government has provided subsidy of Rs. 22.58 per 14.2 kg Domestic LPG

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

cylinder from the fiscal budget during the year 2009-10. Besides fiscal subsidy, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have incurred average under-recovery of Rs. 178.13 on each of the 14.2 kg Domestic LPG cylinder during the year 2009-10. The OMCs have incurred total under-recoveries of Rs. 14,267 crore on the sale of Domestic LPG during 2009-10.

(c) and (d) The pricing of LPG is based on the Import Parity. The price build up of Domestic LPG applicable for April, 2010 (at Delhi) is given below:

Domestic LPG (Rs/Cylinder)	
Price paid to refinery	486.36
Inland Freight & Delivery Charges	34.55
Marketing Cost & Margin	16.67
Bottling charges and Cylinder compensation	38.68
Distributor Commission	21.94
VAT in RSP of Delhi	Nil
Fiscal Subsidy	-22.58
Under Recovery to OMCs	-265.27
Retail Selling Price	310.35

The details of LPG consumption and LPG imported during 2009-10 are given below:

2009-10	
LPG consumption	13.108 million tonnes
LPG imported	2.718 million tonnes
% of LPG imported	20.7%

Oil refinery at Bhatinda

4274. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of setting up of oil refinery at Bhatinda in Punjab;
- (b) the amount spent on the project as on date; and
- (c) by when the refinery is expected to be commissioned?