

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

For the current year 2009-2010, against the projected demand of about 13.7 million metric tonnes (MMT), indigenous LPG availability is only 10.2 MMT and therefore an import of 3.75 MMT has already been tied up by the Industry. As on 02.03.2010, the stock of LPG on all India basis including stock on wheels is about 335 TMT, which is equivalent to 8.5 days cover.

OMCs have reported that they have supplied 10636.49 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT) of domestic LPG in the country between April, 2009 and January, 2010 as against 10298.56 TMT of domestic LPG during the corresponding period of last year, showing a growth rate of 3.28%.

Night time delivery of LPG cylinders

1328. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce delivery of LPG cylinders in the night also; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Contingency plan for availability of petroleum products

1329. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the event of border conflicts, the requirement of petroleum products will go up suddenly;

(b) if so, whether Government has firmed up supplies and build up storage capacity for four months requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (d) Yes Sir, Government has built up sufficient storage capacity through its Public Sector Oil Companies for building oil supplies to meet any eventualities arising out of border conflict.