

indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers Registered with the LPG distributors.

OMCs have reported that they have supplied 288.4 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT) and 102.3 TMT of domestic LPG in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand between April, 2009 and February, 2010 as against 255.1 TMT and 94.7 TMT of domestic LPG during the corresponding period of last year, showing a growth rate of 13% and 8% respectively.

(c) and (d) OMCs have assessed the requirements/demand of LPG for the entire country for the next five years and the same is reviewed every year to take care of the new developments in the domestic fuel business.

Every year, OMCs decide the quantum of LPG required to be imported to meet the shortfall in domestic production and import of LPG are tied up, in advance, in a continuous ongoing basis. OMCs do not anticipate any shortage in meeting the projected demand of LPG during next five years, unless there are unforeseen circumstances such as unplanned shutdown of Refinery/Fractionators, closure of port facilities etc. To take care of increase in demand, the LPG infrastructure is being expanded by setting up new LPG bottling plant and expanding existing plants.

Participation at the World Energy Conference

3496. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he had participated in the World Energy Conference recently;
- (b) if so, the out come of the discussions held;
- (c) whether discussions were held with the Iranian delegation too during the conference; and
- (d) if so, what were the issues discussed and resolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (d) Hon'ble Minister (P&NG) attended the 12th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting at Cancun, Mexico from 29-31 March, 2010. India's concerns on the volatility and uncertainty in the international oil market was highlighted. The Ministerial Declaration adopted at Cancun reflected our concerns in this regard. Minister also had several bilateral meetings in Cancun with his counterparts from Mexico, Kuwait, Indonesia, Angola and Iran. It was agreed with Iran that the next Joint Working Group meeting will be held on a mutually convenient date to discuss all bilateral issues.

Losses of public sector oil companies

3497. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of Prime Minister with the chiefs of public sector oil companies was held in January, 2010;