

Comparative costs of petro-products in SAARC countries

990. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that LPG, petrol and diesel is cheaper in India as compared to neighbouring SAARC countries according to a survey compiled by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, what are the comparative rates after equalizing various currencies;
- (c) whether Government has compared rates of taxes in neighbouring countries on petroleum products;
- (d) if so, the details of taxes on various petroleum products in neighbouring countries; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) The Retail Selling Prices of sensitive petroleum products *viz.* Petrol, Diesel and LPG in India and neighbouring countries as of 1st July, 2010 in terms of Indian Rupee are given below:—

	Petrol Rs./litre	Diesel Rs./litre	LPG (14.2 kg.) Rs./cyl.
India *	51.45	37.62	345.35
Sri Lanka	47.32	29.88	768.91
Pakistan	35.77	39.21	576.68
Nepal	50.85	39.21	775.54
Bangladesh	49.70	29.41	536.91

Note: Data on neighbouring countries as provided by IOC.

*RSP at Delhi as on 20th July, 2010.

While prices of Petrol and Diesel are broadly comparable to those in the neighbouring countries, price of Domestic LPG in India is by far cheapest in India.

- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The levying of taxes in a particular country depends upon various factors, including its socio-economic and political conditions. Since these conditions vary from country to country, a comparison of tax rates may not be appropriate.

Shortage of cooking gas in Himachal Pradesh

†991. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is still acute shortage of cooking gas in most

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