

8. ONGC pays compensation to the affected farmers through District Pollution Cell, and also payment of damage compensation is made directly by in-house negotiating committee of ONGC as per assessment of oil leakage.
- (c) ONGC is taking following steps to avoid incidence of oil leakages:—
- Replacement of oil pipelines based on condition monitoring/health of pipelines.
 - Intelligent pigging of trunk lines is being carried out to monitor the health of pipelines
 - Improved 3 Layer Polyethylene (LPE) coating for pipelines for better resistance to external corrosion.
 - Technologies like Cathodic Protection, GRE lines for better pipeline protection.
 - Biotechnologies like PDB (Paraffin Degrading bacteria), Chemical Injection to protect pipelines.

Enhancement in number of LPG dealers in Orissa

3067. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of LPG dealers in Orissa alongwith number of blocks covered by these dealers;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to enhance the number of LPG dealers in Orissa in order to provide LPG connections in all the 314 blocks of the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) As on 01.11.2010, Public-Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are operating 203 LPG distributors in the State of Orissa, covering 145 blocks.

OMCs have issued notice inviting applications for selection of LPG distributors under the scheme Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana for establishing LPG distributors in 101 locations in the State of Orissa.

The selection of the same is in progress as per policy.

In addition to this, new regular LPG distributorships as well as RGGLVs are being planned to cover every block in the State of Orissa.

Gas connections to poor families in Orissa

3068. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: