

of the recommendations made by the said Expert Group, the Government made the price of Petrol, both at the Refinery Gate and at the Retail Level, market-determined with effect from 26th June, 2010. As a result, the price of Petrol went up by Rs. 3.50 per litre. As regards the price of Diesel, Government has taken a decision 'in principle' that the price of Diesel will be made market-determined, both at Refinery Gate and Retail Level. However, Government has initially increased the retail selling price of Diesel by only Rs.2/- per litre with effect from 26th June 2010 (at Delhi), with corresponding increases in the rest of the country. To reduce the under-recovery burden of the OMCs as also to protect the common man, the Government decided to increase the retail price of PDS Kerosene by only Rs. 3 per litre and of Domestic LPG by only Rs. 35 per cylinder (at Delhi), with corresponding increases in the rest of the country with effect from 26th June, 2010.

#### **Import of natural gas from Bangladesh**

2296. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is actively considering to give effect to the proposal of importing natural gas from Bangladesh for commercial use in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) India had pursued the import of natural gas from Bangladesh. However, Bangladesh held the view that, considering their internal demand of gas, they do not have sufficient quantity of gas to export. So presently India does not have a proposal to import gas from Bangladesh.

#### **Delay in completion of Bharat-Oman refinery at Bina, M.P.**

†2297. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATRUVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

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