Allocation of kerosene to Kerala

2130. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the monthly kerosene allotment to Kerala has been reduced from 23,160 KL to 18,766 KL from April, 2010; and

(b)   whether Government would restore the kerosene allotment to Kerala to the quantity as requested by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene quota to the State of Kerala has been reduced from 277958 kilolitres to 225096 kilolitres for the year 2010-11 after taking into consideration the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connections released during the year 2009-10 (upto December, 2009) and lapsed quantity of PDS kerosene quota of first two quarters released for the year 2009-10.

(b)   At present there is no proposal under consideration with Government of India to increase the allocation of PDS kerosene to the States/UTs including Kerala.

Unfit underground oil storage sites of HPCL

†2131. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that the underground tankers installed on petrol pumps of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in Delhi were not as per prescribed standards;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   the names of private companies and Government employees found engaged in this collusion and the action taken against them; and

(d)   if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) As reported by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), the underground tanks installed at their Retail Outlets (ROs), in Delhi as well as in other parts of the country, are as per prescribed standards.

Commercial exploration of shale gas

2132. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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