

market-determined, both at Refinery Gate and Retail Level. However, Government initially allowed an increase in 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.

(b) and (c) Subsequent to the implementation of market determined pricing for Petrol effective 26th June, 2010 the oil marketing companies take appropriate decision on the pricing of Petrol on the basis of international oil prices and commercial considerations. The Kirit Parikh Committee had observed that, as Petrol is largely an item of final consumption, its price has a very small impact on inflation due to forward linkages. At present, the retail selling price of Diesel, Domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene are being modulated by the Government and their prices have not been revised after 26th June, 2010. However, based on the refinery gate price, applicable from 1st March, 2011 the OMCs are incurring under-recovery of Rs. 11.16 per litre on the sale of Diesel, Rs. 297.80 per cylinder on Domestic LPG and Rs. 23.56 per litre on PDS Kerosene which has not been passed on to the consumer. The Government is keeping a close watch on the price situation.

Opening of gas agencies in Orissa

2139. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests for opening new LPG gas agencies particularly in western Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (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 207 locations in the State of Odisha including 60 locations in the western Odisha.

OMCs are in the process of setting up 29 regular LPG distributors in the State of Odisha including 3 in western Odisha under various Industry Marketing Plans, The selection of these locations are in progress as per policy.

Since the commissioning process involves advertisement, receipt of application forms, scrutiny of the same, selection of the candidates, field verification of the credentials of the selected candidate, setting up of the infrastructure, procurement of various mandatory licences and approvals, and disposal of complaints/litigation if any, it is not possible to specify exactly when these locations will be commissioned.