

- Effective from 29.1.2009 - Petrol by 5/- per litre, Diesel by 2/- per litre and Domestic LPG by 25/- per cylinder.

#### **Scarcity of petro-products in Orissa**

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

- (a) whether there is scarcity of petrol, diesel and cooking gas in Orissa;
- (b) the total number of diesel, petrol and cooking gas dealers in Orissa;
- (c) whether the number of dealers are insufficient and consumers are not getting cooking gas as per requirement and they have to purchase LPG cylinders in black market; and
- (d) if so, the strategy of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) There is no overall shortage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Petrol and diesel reported in the State of Orissa and the demand is being fully met by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

(b) As on 01.01.2011, there are 1076 petrol and diesel retail outlets and 206 LPG distributorships in the State of Orissa.

(c) and (d) There is no scarcity of LPG in Orissa and the demand of customers is being fully met. The OMCs release advertisements for appointment of regular LPG distributorships time to time for the locations which are found feasible.

Further, Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) has been launched on 16.10.2009 to provide LPG to the rural households, including BPL families. Under this scheme, 101 distributorships have been advertised in the State of Orissa.

#### **Mechanism to buffer the public from volatility in petroleum market**

115. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been increase in the cost of petroleum products since the de-regulation of prices and left to the market control;
- (b) if so, the details of petroleum product prices in the last few months after de-regulation;