

discoveries. The discoveries are under various stages of appraisal/development and production is yet to start from any of these blocks.

Shale gas reserve in the country

3068. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a significant deposit of shale gas in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimates thereof in terms of oil replacement;
- (c) whether Government plans to exploit the domestic shale gas reserve in a planned manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including production estimates for 2022 and 2032?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Based on the data gathered from exploration and exploitation of conventional oil and gas, it is expected that Sedimentary Basins of India have potential for shale gas.

(b) The shale gas reserves in the country have not yet been estimated.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Government has initiated action to identify potentially prospective areas of Shale Gas resources as well as to formulate a policy for its exploration and exploitation. No target for shale gas production has been set for the years 2022 and 2032.

PNG connections for DDA housing complex in Delhi

3069. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a scheme to provide PNG connection to Alaknanda DDA residential housing complex in Delhi on the pattern of Central Government Officers flats/quarters;
- (b) whether the PNG gas line do exist up to the main road and the Tara Apartment have already been provided PNG connections;
- (c) whether the MCD is now willing to grant permission for digging to Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL);

- (d) if so, the reasons for not providing the PNG gas connections to DDA complex; and
- (e) if not, by when the work could start and get completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) plans to provide domestic PNG connections to Alaknanda Residential Housing Complex by laying of PNG pipeline infrastructure and by inviting registration, along with payment towards refundable security deposit, from individual residents for a PNG connection. PNG connections in Central Government Officers flats/Quarters have been provided on the advice, along with payment, by CPWD.

(b) Underground PNG pipeline has already been laid from CNG Station of IGL, located in Okhla Phase-I, up to a point close to Tara Apartment, through PWD main road (Ravi Dass Marg). PNG connections have not been provided to residents of Tara Apartments.

(c) Till date, permission is awaited from MCD.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The work to provide domestic PNG connections in DDA complex and Tara Apartment would start on receipt of digging permission from MCD/PWD, for which applications have been filed. Given the nature of terrain in DDA Residential Complex, it will take about 6-8 months to complete the project and provide PNG connections to those residents who register with IGL for PNG connection.

Increase in commission of petrol pump dealers

3070. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the breakup of the petrol pump dealer's commission as per Government orders for increase in dealer's commission on 26 June, 2011;

(b) the names of the constituents/heads of expenses of dealers considered for increase in dealer's commission and the values considered/decided for each head of expense;

(c) the approved escalation formula to neutralize the impact of price hike in petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) and increase in All India Consumer Price Index (AICPI);