

(Rs. crore)

Year	Total Under-recoveries*	
	PDS Kerosene	Domestic LPG
2008-09	28,225	17,600
2009-10	17,364	14,257
2010-11	19,484	21,772

\* Gross under-recoveries without considering oil bonds/cash assistance.

Under the burden sharing mechanism being followed, these under-recoveries are shared by the Government and the Public Sector oil companies.

(e) The OMCs have informed that they do not supply subsidized LPG to the industrial units.

#### **New blocks for ONGC**

3067. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has got new land for oil discoveries/explorations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the production would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) was awarded 120 exploration blocks under eight rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) bidding concluded so far. Out of 120 exploration blocks, 46 are onland blocks, 30 are Shallow water blocks and 44 are Deepwater blocks.

ONGC is Operator in 108 exploration blocks and non-operator with other Consortium Partners in 12 exploration blocks.

(c) As on 01.07.2011, ONGC has made 19 hydrocarbon discoveries (Onland-6 and Offshore-13) from 8 NELP blocks awarded to ONGC as Operator. Out of 19 discoveries, five are oil and gas discoveries in the onland areas and remaining 14 (Offshore-13 and Onland-1) are gas

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. LEPPA: 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);