

interested direct marketing consumers in accordance with the guiding principles of sectoral prioritization of gas as per the said policy.

Gas supply for APGENCO power project

5091. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for the last four years for allocating gas to 2100 MW of gas-based power project of APGENCO in Karimnagar district;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal sent by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and requests made thereafter;

(c) the action the Ministry has taken on the above requests;

(d) whether it is also a fact that recently gas has been allotted to a private project in Delhi ignoring the demand for allocating gas to above project in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N.SINGH): (a) to (c) A proposal for allocation of 9.72 mmscmd of gas for a new gas based power project (3x700 MW) at Nedunoor village of Karimnagar Distt. of Andhra Pradesh was forwarded by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, due to limited availability of domestic gas, Ministry of Power (MoP) recommended for allocation of 2.8 mmscmd of gas for first unit of 700 MW of Karimnagar Power Project. The Empowered Group of Ministers in its meeting on 24.2.2012 noted the requirement of the project. However, no direction was issued in this regard.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

LPG shortage in the country

5092. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of LPG in the country, particularly in the South Indian States:

(b) if so, the details of the total consumption of LPG the indigenous