

(c) The necessary corrigendum regarding change of name of the locations will be made alongwith the release of advertisement for new locations under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Corrigendum to correct the name shall be issued and the category would remain same as that in the advertisement dated 16.04.2012.

Spending by oil PSUs on social welfare schemes in Bihar

2574. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any data regarding spending by Oil Marketing Companies on welfare schemes in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details of funds spent in Bihar during the last three years by oil companies; company-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) Details of funds spent in Bihar during the last three years by the three Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) schemes are given in the table below:

Name of the company	Funds spent (Rs. In Lakhs)		
	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
IOCL	134.93*	127.47	43.49
HPCL	168.00	78.00	130.00
BPCL	-	13.62	-

* Provisional.

Expansion of PNG network

2575. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is cheaper than LPG;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking for laying the PNG network in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) PNG is currently being sold to households in Delhi at a rate of Rs. 22 per scm (upto consumption of 30 scm in two months) and at Rs. 34 per scm (beyond consumption of 30 scm in two months). The price of domestic LPG (at Delhi) is Rs. 399 for a 14.2 kg cylinder. The corresponding energy equivalent price of PNG is Rs. 391 (at Rs. 22/scm) and Rs. 605 (at Rs. 34/scm) depending on the usage as compared to Rs. 399 for a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder which is irrespective of the usage. (For conversion of energy equivalence price, Gross Calorific Value of natural gas has been taken as 9,500 Kilo Calories (K. Cal.) per scm and that of LPG as 11,900 K.cal per Kg).

(c) The Ministry has set up Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006, which grants authorization for City and Local Area Natural Gas Distribution Networks in accordance with the provisions of the said Act and the PNGRB (Authorizing Entities to Lay, Build, Operate or Expand City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Network) Regulations, 2008. PNGRB has envisaged a roll out plan of CGD network development through competitive bidding in more than 300 possible Geographical Areas (GAs) in the country, on the basis of Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted to the Board or on suo moto basis. The development of City Gas Distribution network in a GA is based on, *inter-alia*, the availability of natural gas through transmission pipelines in its vicinity. Further, PNG connectivity is dependent on the availability of trunk steel pipelines, technical feasibility, safety considerations, availability of digging permissions from land owning agencies and customer response.

Subsidy on diesel for farmers

2576. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to offer subsidy on diesel to the farmers who are facing sowing problems due to deficient monsoon rains in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and