

- (vii) Exploring alternate energy sources such as Coal Bed Methane (CBM), Shale Oil/Gas and Gas Hydrates etc.
- (viii) Acquiring oil and gas assets abroad by oil PSUs. Sourcing gas through trans-national TAPI pipeline.

**Relaxation on the cap of supply of subsidized
LPG cylinders**

1183. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to relax the cap on supply of subsidized LPG cylinder, providing 9 cylinders in a year instead of 6 cylinders as announced earlier;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any State Government have requested for the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Representations including from State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have been received to revise the annual cap on LPG cylinders which are being looked into.

Upgradation of Barauni Refinery

1184. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan for upgradation of technology/plant and machinery of Barauni Refinery to enhance the production there; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) has informed that at present, the company has no approved plan or project for up gradation of technology in Barauni Refinery to enhance its production.