

**Increase in subsidized LPG cylinders**

271. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the number of subsidized LPG cylinders from 6 to 9 per years and increased the price of LPG cylinders, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rationale therefor;

(c) the number of subsidized LPG cylinders available for customers during the current financial year till 31st March, 2013 from the date of implementation of cap;

(d) whether Government would increase the number of subsidized cylinders from 9 to 12 per year in view of the plight of poor and middle class citizens of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Government has revised the cap on supply of subsidized LPG cylinder per domestic connection from 3 to 5 for the period from 14.09.2012 to 31.03.2013 and from 6 to 9 annually w.e.f. 01.04.2013.

(d) to (f) There is no such proposal under consideration.

**Marketing margin levied by private sector**

272. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of further action taken by the Ministry as on date on the

recommendations of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on the issue of marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketeers; and

(b) by when the Ministry is going to communicate to the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on the issue of marketing margin levied by private sector natural gas marketeers is under consideration in the Ministry.

#### **Decline in crude oil production**

273. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of share of private and public sector companies in the field of crude oil production in the country during the last three years;

(b) the extent to which companies are lagging behind in crude oil production along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of gas production during the same period;

(d) whether as per the estimates made by the experts, the production of oil is likely to decline further in the coming years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The details of percentage (%) share of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) viz Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Private/Joint Venture (Pvt/Jvs) Companies in the field of crude oil production in the country during the last three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is as under:-

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
PSUs	84%	74%	72%
Pvt/Jvs	16%	26%	28%