

**Requirement of petroleum products for the country**

\*257. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the requirement of petrol, diesel and gas for the country at present;
- (b) the steps needed to meet these challenges;
- (c) how much the country depends on imports and what is its cost; and
- (d) by when this burden will be minimized?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (d) Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) has reported that as per the Original Estimates (OE), the estimated demand of petrol, diesel and LPG is 16335 MT, 73500 MT and 16712 MT respectively in the country in the year 2013-14. Crude oil from which these products are derived has to be largely (78.75% import) imported. As per the Working Group Report of this Ministry for the 12th Five Year Plan, the estimated demand of petroleum products during 2016-17 would be 186.2 MMT. As on 01.07.2013, the refining capacity in the country is 215 MMTPA which is more than the domestic demand of products. During 2012-13 the production of petroleum products in the country, including production from fractionators was 217.8 MMT (Provisional) as against the demand of 155.4 MMT. Thus, the present refining capacity is adequate to meet the demand of petroleum products in the country in near future on an overall basis. However, some products like LPG and Lubes are in deficit, which are being imported. The net import (Prov.) of LPG and Lubes was 6093 TMT (Value Rs.30402 crore) and 1409 TMT (Value Rs.8877 Crore) respectively during the year 2012-13.

**Shortage of HIV kits**

\*258. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of CD4 and viral load kits used in the detection and monitoring of the HIV virus infection and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the reason for shortage of these kits is the delay made by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) in placing tenders for procurement of those kits, and if so, the reason therefor;