

Supply of natural gas to Pakistan

1370. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to supply Natural Gas to Pakistan on subsidized rate through GAIL; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to supply natural gas to Pakistan at subsidized rate.

- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Petrol pumps on highways in Haryana

1371. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of petrol pumps sanctioned/installed in Haryana along National Highways/State Highways after the issuance of new guidelines by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on 17 October, 2003;
- (b) whether Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have obtained sanctions of the drawings confirming the new guidelines;
- (c) whether the oil corporations have not constructed such petrol pumps as per the sanctioned drawings and there are deviations from the guidelines; and
- (d) if so, by what time the oil corporations shall make the necessary alterations in the constructions of such RO as per the approved drawings and action taken by the oil corporations/ Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Oil marketing companies (OMCs) have reported to have installed/commissioned 244 petrol pumps (retail outlets) in Haryana along National Highways/State Highways after the issuance of guidelines on 17th October, 2003 by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

- (b) and (c) In line with the above guidelines, OMCs have been developing the lay-outs for new ROs and submitting the same to local Nation Highway (NH) authorities. The proposals are then vetted by the Regional Directors, National

Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and sent to Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MORTH) for their final approval. However, the sanction/ approval from MORTH for the same is normally not received within the stipulated period of 30 days as per the guidelines issued in the matter.

OMC have been setting up the retail outlets on National Highways as per the lay out plans made in accordance with the guidelines and fulfilling all criteria laid down as per MORTH guidelines. However, as there are normally delays in receipt of approvals, some of the retail outlets were commissioned based on:

- (i) The initial clearance from the local NH office which includes joint inspections by NHAI and Oil company's officials; and
- (ii) NOC received from District Authorities.

Also, the access demarcation (Ingress/Egress or the Acceleration / Deceleration lanes) from the main carriageway is never demarcated by NHAI and as such these norms, which are different for the Forest department, are a hindrance to construct the RO as per the sanctioned drawings.

(d) There is an ongoing Contempt of Court Petition (COCp) 143 in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court who have already directed the Forest Ministry and MORTH to sort out the issue of varying guidelines related to the access width permission to Retail outlets on Highways and instructed them to arrive at one common guideline which can facilitate oil companies to comply with the requirement of construction of Acceleration/Deceleration lanes on the above noted Petrol Pumps. Further necessary action shall be taken based on the outcome in the matter.

PNG connections in Karnataka

1372. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the cities and towns in the country where Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied by Government, State-wise with special reference to Karnataka;
- (b) whether Government has drawn any time-bound programme for PNG distribution in various cities and towns including Shimoga in Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to provide PNG connections in each and every household in the country?