

**Opening of small LPG and petrol pump agencies in rural areas**

†1212. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has worked out a plan to open small LPG and petrol pump agencies in rural areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) **With regard to LPG:** In order to spread LPG distribution network in rural areas and under-covered areas, “Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana” (RGGLVY) was launched on 16.10.2009 for establishing small size LPG distribution agencies.

As on 1.11.14, 3865 RGGLVs are operational in the country.

**With regard to retail Outlets :** In order to reach diesel, other petroleum products and non-fuel products at farmers doorstep, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have set up low cost retail Outlets in rural/agricultural markets.

As on 1.11.14, 10899 rural retail outlets are operational in the country.

**Increasing supply of oil and gas**

1213. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to increase the supply of petrol, diesel and domestic LPG in accordance with the heavy demands;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to produce more crude oil, petrol and gas indigenously to avoid heavy foreign exchange losses incurred in importing the crude oil, petrol, diesel and gas from foreign countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there are any restrictions for India to facilitate import of crude oil, gas and petroleum products and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The domestic refining capacity for all petroleum products, except LPG, is in excess of the domestic demand.

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