of Petroleum and Natural Gas has decided to scan and digitize files/documents/data. No deadline has, however, been set for completion of the same.

(c) and (d) Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas follow e-tendering for procurements, adopt Web-Linked Grievance System and actively pursue the information available on mygov.in under "Digital India Campaign".

LPG connections in rural areas

- †431. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the present number of LPG connections in rural areas is substantially lower in comparison to set targets;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons;
- (c) whether Government has formulated Vision-2015 for increasing LPG connections in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details of the achievements so far *vis-a-vis* the targets set for Vision-2015?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As on 01.11.2014, there are 17.44 Crore domestic LPG customers out of which 6.03 Crore are served by rural & rural/urban distributors.

(c) and (d) As per the Vision 2015, OMCs had to release a total of 5.5 Crore LPG connections in the entire country(including rural areas) between 2009 and 2015 and they have already released 6.69 Crore LPG connections till October, 2014 in both rural & urban areas.

Extension of LPG coverage by 2015

- 432. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to extend LPG coverage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent by 2015 as per its Vision-2015 Document;
 - (b) whether it is also a fact that it is nowhere near the target;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor;

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (d) the district-wise details of LPG coverage in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) by when Ministry is planning to achieve 75 per cent coverage in Andhra Pradesh and by when it is going to achieve 100 per cent coverage; and
 - (f) to what extent the piped gas is helping to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) and (e) As per the Vision 2015, OMCs had to release 5.5 Crore LPG connections in the entire country (including rural areas) between 2009 and 2015 to cover 75 % of population. OMCs have already released 6.69 Crore LPG connections till October, 2014 in both rural & urban areas.

As on 01.11.2014, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) cover 66.5% households in the entire country including 83.6% in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

- (d) The district-wise details of LPG coverage in Andhra Pradesh is given in the Statement (See below).
 - (f) LPG is not transmitted through piped gas network.

District-wise ratio of number of Domestic LPG customers of OMCs to number

of projected households as on 01.11.14 over Census 2011 in the District
of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Statement

S1.	District Name	Population as	No. of	Projected	No. of	Ratio of
No.		per census	Households	Households	domestic	OMC
		2011	as per Census	as on	customers	Domestic
			2011	01.11.14 with		LPG
			I	Decadal growth		Customers
						to Projected
0.						Households
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Anantapur District	4081148	961165	999931	723515	72.4
2.	Chittoor District	4174064	1022116	1063341	798086	75.1
3.	East Godavari	5154296	1407410	1464175	530844	36.3
4.	Guntur District	4887813	1287831	1339773	1479517	110.4
5.	Krishna	4517398	1227257	1276756	1371045	107.4

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	Kurnool District	4053463	877182	912561	850932	93.2
7.	Prakasam	3397448	857276	891852	1063778	119.3
8.	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	2963557	772625	803787	714929	88.9
9.	Srikakulam District	2703114	689323	717125	271272	37.8
10.	Visakhapatnam	4290589	1126166	1171588	663473	56.6
11.	Vizianagaram District	2344474	596605	620668	702718	113.2
12.	West Godavari	3936966	1075780	1119169	750150	67.0
13.	YSR Cuddapah	2882469	703136	731495	1044126	142.7
	Total	49386799	12664762	13112221	10964385	83.6

Gas prices fixed by ONGC and oil

- 433. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) sell gas to consumers in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity of different kinds of gases produced by these companies in the country;
- (c) the quantity of different kinds of gases which are sold to consumers along with the rates thereof; and
 - (d) the basis on which selling price of gas is fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) sell part of their gas to bulk consumers in the country.

(b) and (c) The quantity of gas produced and sold by ONGC and OIL from April to September 2014 are as follows:

(Figure in MMSCM)

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Type of gas	Gas Production	Gas Sales
ONGC		
Natural Gas	10980	8481
CBM Gas	1.101	1 101