

objective Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana (RGGLVY) was launched in 2009. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have already released 6.69 crore new LPG connections till October, 2014 in both rural and urban areas and have exceeded the target.

As on 1.11.2014, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have undertaken to set up 7824 LPG distributors under RGGLVY in the country. Out of this 3870 LPG distributors have already been commissioned and 3865 are functional as on 1.11.2014.

Pricing of natural gas

442. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current pricing of natural gas fixed by Government is in accordance with the policy laid by the prior Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, details of current pricing policy of natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Based on the recommendations of Rangarajan Committee Report, Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014 were approved by the previous Government and the same was notified on 10.1.2014. As per these Guidelines, the revised gas price was to be effective from 1st April, 2014.

The new Government subsequently decided that the whole issue of gas pricing would need comprehensive re-examination and directed that the Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014 be kept in abeyance upto 30.09.2014. Later, Government decided to keep the above mentioned Guidelines, in abeyance upto 15.11.2014.

In pursuance of the decision of the Government for comprehensive re-examination of the whole issue of gas pricing, a Committee consisting of Secretary (Power), Secretary (Expenditure), and Secretary (Fertilizers) with Additional Secretary of this Ministry as Member Secretary was set up. After consulting various stakeholders from the producing and consuming sectors, this Committee submitted its report on 16.09.2014. After considering the report of the said Committee, the Government issued New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014 on 25.10.2014.

On the basis of New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014, the Petroleum

Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) has notified the price of Domestic Natural Gas applicable for the period 1st November, 2014 to 31st March, 2015 as US\$ 5.05/MMBTU on Gross Calorific Value (GCV) basis. New Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014. [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 438 (Part (a) to (c))]

Export of petroleum products by private companies

443. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the private petroleum companies in the country export any of the petroleum products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what was the export parity price of these products during the last year; and
- (d) what was the domestic price of these products in the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The private petroleum companies viz. Reliance Industries Limited (Domestic Tariff Area and SEZ) and Essar Oil in the country export petroleum products. The details of exports of the same including export price realization during 2013-14 are given in the table below:

Petroleum Products	Quantity (in TMT)	Export Price Realized (in ₹/MT)
MS	14870	60941
Naphtha	2637	55635
HSD	24690	55769
Fuel Oil	134	36045
VGO	1342	49314
ATF	4009	57665
Others	3855	37554
TOTAL	51538	

(d) During 2013-14, the fortnight-wise details of Refinery Gate Price (RGP) of Diesel (being a regulated product at that time) based on Trade Parity Price (TPP) at Jamnagar are given in Statement (*See* below). Other aforesaid petroleum products are deregulated.