

No consumer, who has successfully enrolled under PAHAL scheme, is deprived of subsidy. All LPG consumers who have not joined the scheme, will be given a grace period of three months from the date of launch to join the scheme. During grace period such consumers will get LPG, as per their entitlement, at subsidized price. Additionally, a period of three months beyond grace period known as parking period has been given to LPG consumers for joining the scheme. During parking period such consumers will get cylinders as per their entitlement at market price and subsidy will be kept parked with OMCs. This parked subsidy would be released as soon as consumer joins the scheme. However, if a consumer joins the scheme after parking period, the parked subsidy would lapse and consumer will get subsidy from prospective date only.

#### **Mechanism to reach zero flaring of gas**

2344. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present about 3 per cent of the gas produced by the ONGC and Oil India Limited is flared;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to stop such flaring through use of this gas by the local industry and/or gathering it either through compression or by liquefaction mode and then re-injecting the gas into pipeline; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop such wasteful flaring of gas and to develop separate mechanism to reach zero flaring of gas and its commercialisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The average gas flaring from ONGC operated fields during April, 2014 to December, 2014 is 1.65 MMSCMD, which amount to 2.73% of the gas production of ONGC. As far as OIL is concerned, the average quantity of natural gas flared is 0.44 MMSCMD, which amount to 5.8% of the total production.

(b) and (c) Continuous efforts are undertaken to bring it down to bare minimum *i.e.* upto technical flaring and maximize gas utilization through creation of necessary infrastructure of pipelines/compressors, development of markets and consumers and by identification of technologies for utilization of gas from isolated areas not connected to any gas grids but under production for crude oil.