

Rajiv Gandhi Gramin LPG Vitaran Yojana is in operation in the country including the State of West Bengal. As per the scheme, the security deposit (upto ₹ 1600/-) for one cylinder and Pressure Regulator is paid from the fund created for this purpose. As on 01.04.2015, OMCs have released 7753 new domestic LPG connections to BPL families from the CSR fund scheme in the State of West Bengal.

Dismissal of contractual employees by IOC, Faridabad

1174. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 contractual employees, working since more than 15 years have been dismissed recently from Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Faridabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted an inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has reported that no contractual employees have been dismissed at IOCL, Faridabad. However, the work of environmental protection was outsourced to M/s Oynx Management Services on ARC basis for the period 1st February, 2012 to 31st March, 2015. On completion of the contract, fresh tenders were floated and M/s Daksh Facility Private Limited who was the successful bidder was awarded the same work for which they have engaged 64 of the workmen who were earlier working with M/s Oynx Management Services.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Variation in cost of gas

1175. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of gas varies from plant to plant owing to differential rates at which imported LNG is contracted as well as the cost of transportation;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has approved a proposal to pool or average out prices of domestic natural gas and imported LNG used by fertilizer plants to make the cost of fuel uniform and affordable;