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02.01.15	15.40	8.20	Nil	Nil
17.01.15	17.46	10.26	Nil	Nil
07.11.15	19.06	10.66	Nil	Nil

Savings under PAHAL

428. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the study of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, Government has saved only ₹ 143 crores against its claim of ₹ 12,700 crores under PAHAL, scheme for 2014-15; and

(b) if so, why is there such a glaring difference between the two figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Subsidy outgo and consequent subsidy savings, is a result of multiplicity of factors such as (a) Prevailing Crude Price, (b) Prevailing Exchange Rate, and (c) Tax Structure in various States.

As on 1st April, 2015, there were 18.19 crore registered LPG Consumers and 14.85 crore active consumers implying a gap of 3.34 crore consumers which are duplicate/fake/inactive accounts blocked under PAHAL Scheme and related initiatives. Taking into account the quota of 12 cylinders per consumer and the average LPG subsidy of ₹ 366 per cylinder for the year 2014-15, estimated savings in LPG subsidy due to the blocking of 3.34 crore consumers, work out to ₹ 14,672 crore, during that year.

Investment in research for unconventional fuel resources

429. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to invest in research for alternative to conventional fuel resources;

(b) if so, the details of quantum of amount invested for the last three years and result thereof; and

(c) why does diesel fuel cost the same as gasoline, if it is refined less?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the