

- (ii) Work Programme-mandatory or biddable-weightage in bid evaluation
- (iii) Pricing and marketing of natural gas produced from the areas to be awarded under the new contractual and fiscal regime.
- (iv) Technical Qualification-weightage in bid evaluation
- (v) Incentivising E&P in the unconventional hydrocarbon
- (vi) Role of DGH and Management Committee to align with the Government's goal of 'minimum Government-maximum governance'.
- (vii) Methodology for calculation of cost of unfinished work programme
- (viii) Timely implementation of Field Development Plans submitted by the operator
- (ix) Environmental and social issues in exploration and production of oil and gas
- (x) Any other issue

#### **Steps to increase national LPG coverage**

2838. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase the national LPG coverage; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase the penetration of LPG in rural and backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) aim to increase the National LPG coverage to 75% with minimum 60% coverage at State level and at least one distributor in each block by 2019. To increase the penetration in rural and backward areas, OMCs appoint new LPG distributors and more than 97 % of blocks are being catered by at least one LPG distributorship. Further, to facilitate LPG coverage for BPL families, a scheme for providing one time grant to BPL families for release of new LPG connection is in operation. As per the scheme, the security deposit (upto ₹ 1600/-) for one cylinder and Pressure Regulator is paid from the fund created for this purpose.

#### **Identification of cities to develop CGD projects**

2839. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified certain more cities to develop City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects;