

expansion of Gua and Chiria mines etc. Further, Government of India, NMDC (a) Central Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Steel) and Government of Jharkhand have also signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up a 3 Million Ton Per Annum (MTPA) green field steel plant through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in Jharkhand at an estimated cost of ₹ 18,000 crore.

Gas connections to BPL families of Jharkhand

*129 SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to provide one lakh gas connections to the BPL families of Jharkhand as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) if so, the district-wise details of beneficiaries thereof;

(c) the details of methodology that Government proposes to adopt for providing these one lakh connections; and

(d) how does Government propose to ensure that the one lakh families that are accorded preference would be the most needy over the others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As on 01.03.2016, total 78,828 new LPG connections have been issued to the BPL families of Jharkhand under CSR Scheme. As per the Scheme, the BPL card holder can register his/her request with the distributor for release of new LPG connection. The distributor prepares a list of BPL card holders who have registered for the release of Security Deposit free connections under the CSR Scheme and sends it to the local administration for authentication. New LPG connections are released to beneficiaries by the distributor after receipt of authenticated list of beneficiaries from local administration and on completion of requisite formalities for release of new LPG connection. District-wise details of beneficiaries is at the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Further, Finance Minister in Budget Speech on 29 February 2016 has announced a budgetary provision of ₹ 2000 crore to provide deposit free LPG connections to 1.5 crore women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families during the year 2016-17. The LPG connection will be in the name of women member of the BPL family. The Scheme will be continued for at least two more years to cover a total of 5 crore BPL households. Main focus of the Scheme to give new LPG connections to the BPL families in the states where LPG coverage is below the national coverage, which includes the State of Jharkhand.

Statement*District-wise details of beneficiaries for new LPG connections*

Sl. No.	District	Total BPL Connections under CSR Scheme since inception.
1.	Bokaro	251
2.	Chatra	862
3.	Deoghar	4851
4.	Dhanbad	219
5.	Dumka	3472
6.	Garhwa	1707
7.	Giridih	7721
8.	Godda	4716
9.	Gumla	4909
10.	Hazaribagh	3947
11.	Khunti	363
12.	Koderma	9973
13.	Latehar	3039
14.	Lohardaga	2306
15.	Palamu	12009
16.	Ramgarh	837
17.	Ranchi	4377
18.	Sahebganj	2189
19.	Singhbhum East	1774
20.	Singhbhum West	2990
21.	Seraikala Karswana	3165
22.	Jamtara	2190
23.	Pakur	678
24.	Simdega	283
TOTAL		78828

Strengthening the manpower in NCB

*130. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent findings of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), if so, the details thereof;