

Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Saumitra Chaudhuri, in its report, namely, Auto Fuel Vision and Policy 2025 submitted in May, 2014 has proposed to levy a special fuel upgradation cess of 75 paise per litre on all gasoline and diesel sale in India upto 2021-22.

(c) and (d) When recommendations were made by the Committee, Government was regulating the diesel prices. However, since the deregulation of diesel prices *w.e.f* 19.10.2014 (and petrol prices *w.e.f* 26.06.2010), presently, the price of petrol and diesel are decided by Oil Marketing Companies based on international prices and other market conditions.

**Delay in setting up of LNG terminal at
Gangavaram Port, Andhra Pradesh**

2193. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in setting up a LNG Terminal proposed at Gangavaram Port near Visakhapatnam; and

(b) what steps Government will take to realise the project which would help speedy industrialisation of North Coastal Andhra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) had planned setting up of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal at Gangavaram Port in the State of Andhra Pradesh with an approximate investment of ₹ 4500 crore. However, in the absence of firm commitment for buying regasified LNG/capacity booking from the end consumers, the project has been put on hold.

(b) RLNG terminals are developed based on techno-commercial viability by the concerned entities.

Investment by ONGC in extracting gas below coal seams

2194. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will invest ₹ 3,500 crores in extracting gas laying below coal seams in three Coal Bed Methane blocks in eastern India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ONGC seeks a peak production of 3.2 million standard cubic meters per day of gas from the three Coal Bed Methane Blocks (CBM); and