

not been increased since 25th June 2011. Accordingly, subsidy is directly credited into the bank accounts of LPG consumers. The details of market determined price of domestic LPG and its subsidized retail selling price to the consumer during last six months is given below:

Month/Year	Market determined price of 14.2 kg domestic LPG cylinder at Delhi	Subsidized retail selling price (effective price to consumer upto 12 cylinders per consumer per annum)
September, 2015	517.50	417.82
October, 2015	545.00	417.82
November, 2015	606.50	417.82
December, 2015	608.00	419.26*
January, 2016	657.50	419.33*
February, 2016	575.00	419.22*

\*Changes due to revision in LPG distributor commission

#### **Retail facility of petrol and gas to panchayats**

†128. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has resolved to provide facility of sale of diesel, petrol and gas in retail to all the Panchayats of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and number of Panchayats in the country wherein this facility has been provided or gas agency has been sanctioned, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have informed that expansion of Retail Outlet sales network is a continuous process to ensure adequate availability of motoring fuels like petrol and diesel throughout the country. Retail Outlets are being set up by them at identified locations based on field survey and feasibility studies. Locations found to be having sufficient potential and which are economically viable are rostered in the Marketing Plans for setting up Retail Outlets. Accordingly, Rural Retails Outlets/Kisan Seva Kendras

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

are being set up for catering to Rural/Agricultural markets throughout the country at identified locations having sufficient potential and found to be economically viable.

As on 01.01.2016, IOCL has 6530, BPCL has 2418 and HPCL has 2768 Rural Retail Outlets across the country.

As regards LPG distributorship, 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.

As on 01.02.2016, OMCs have appointed 5315 rural Distributors in the Country.

**Measures to develop sail and its allied organisations**

129. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken adequate measures to develop the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and its allied organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides funds and has created adequate facilities to develop infrastructures and other facilities to promote Steel industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the year-wise details of funds allocated during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has undertaken modernization and expansion of its five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro, Rourkela, Durgapur and Burnpur and special steel plant at Salem to enhance its crude steel production capacity from 12.8 MTPA to 21.4 MTPA at an indicative investment of ₹ 61,870 crore. Besides, a provision of ₹ 10,264 crore has also been made towards investment in mines.

(c) to (e) Steel is a deregulated sector and the role of Government is limited to that of a facilitator. Government of India provides generic infrastructure which are used by the steel industry also. Any specific infrastructure required is developed by the concerned steel companies themselves.

As far as funds for the Modernisation and Expansion programme of Steel PSUs are concerned, the same were arranged through internal resources/borrowings by the companies.