

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Oil PSUs namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have announced a plan to jointly set up an integrated refinery-cum-petrochemical complex with a refining capacity of 60 MMTPA (million metric tonnes per annum) in 2 phases with an estimated investment of ₹2.5 lakh crore on the West Coast in the State of Maharashtra. Engineers India Limited (EIL) is carrying out detailed feasibility study. The potential sources for crude import are Middle-East, Africa and Latin America. Refinery location at west coast will provide logistic advantage and optimise freight charges.

Launch of CNG driven two wheeler

†2751. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched CNG driven two wheeler on a pilot project to reduce pollution, and if this project proves successful, by when it would be implemented on a larger scale;

(b) whether providing CNG in the smaller towns in the country is under consideration; and

(c) the quantum of CNG used daily in vehicles and the extent it causes pollution in comparison to petrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) is implementing a three month pilot program in Delhi to run two wheelers on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). Ten numbers of CNG retrofitted scooters are on road for over a month and the performance of these scooters is being monitored in terms of fuel efficiency, ride quality. The feedback would be used to develop the road map for introduction of CNG in two wheelers segment across the smaller towns in the country.

(b) In year 2007, Government established Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under the PNGRB Act 2006. Under the Act, PNGRB grants authorization to the entities for developing a City Gas Distribution (CGD) network in the specified Geographical Area (GA) of the country through a bidding

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process. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various States across the country. The GAs are included in the bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks in the country.

(c) The average quantity of CNG used in vehicles during the FY 2015-16 is 8.275 MMSCMD. As per the reports of independent researchers, it has emerged that CNG performs better than Petrol powered vehicles in emission of Carbon monoxide (CO). Further, emission of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Particulate Materials (PM) from CNG vehicles are about half those from equivalent petrol engine vehicles.

Approval of unified guidelines for LPG and petrol pump distributorships, 2016

2752. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Unified Guidelines for LPG and petrol pump Distributorship, 2016 has been approved;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient changes made therein from previous guidelines;

(c) whether Government has provided for Ministry's discretion to allot direct LPG distributorship to any individual in exceptional cases on merit, under the new guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details of specific exceptional cases and merits provided in the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Recently, the selection guidelines for LPG distributorship have been modified and Unified Guidelines have been framed for all types of LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Salient changes made in the Guidelines are as under:

- (i) Four types of LPG distributorships, namely, Sheheri, Rurban, Gramin and Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak have been introduced. Setting up of 'LPG Suvidha Kendra' in Durgam areas has also been introduced.