

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways and Air India are being encouraged to use Khadi fabrics in order to promote Khadi industries.

Position of orders received during 2015-16 are given below:

Agency	Orders received
Indian Railway (RC and Non RC items)	₹ 77.67 crore
Air India	₹ 8.29 lakhs

Permission to foreign oil companies to re-enter retail market

1131. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating permission to foreign oil companies to re-enter the retail market;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider denationalisation of the petroleum companies taken over in the past as well; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the new thinking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Government Resolution dated 08.03.2002 of this Ministry has a provision for granting marketing rights of Motor Spirit (MS)/High Speed Diesel (HSD)/Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to the new entrants, including the private sector, subject to the conditions mentioned therein. Various private companies including domestic and foreign oil companies, namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd., M/s. Essar Oil Ltd., M/s. Shell India Ltd. have set up retail outlets of petrol and diesel in the country.

(b) and (c) Decision to allow private companies, including foreign oil companies, for marketing of HSD/MS/ATF was taken to increase competition in the retail sector and the objective of the said policy is not to denationalize the existing oil companies.

New subsidised/free LPG connections for rural poor

1132. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy given on retail sale of diesel, PDS Kerosene and LPG during the last three years and current year;

(b) the State/UT-wise number of people who have given up their LPG subsidy under the "Give it" scheme and quantum of subsidy saved as a result thereof; and