With a view to reach the PDS Kerosene to the targeted beneficiaries, it has been decided to implement Direct Benefit Transfer in Kerosene (DBTK) during 2016-17 in 39 districts identified in consultation with State Governments spread across nine States of the country, namely; Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Haryana and Maharashtra. Other States/UTs have also been requested to join the Scheme. It has also been decided that the States would be given cash incentive of 75% of subsidy savings during the first two years, 50% in the third year and 25% in the fourth year. In case the States voluntarily agree to undertake cuts in Kerosene allocation, beyond the savings due to DBT, a similar incentive would be given to those States/UTs. Preparation to implement DBTK by the participating States is reviewed regularly.

## Price of crude oil

1148. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the international price of crude oil per barrel in 2009 and 2010 and how petrol and diesel were priced per litre then;
- (b) what was international price of crude oil during 2015-16 and how were petrol and diesel priced then; and
  - (c) what are the corresponding figures since April, this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The average price of Indian Basket of crude oil was USD 69.76 per barrel in 2009-10 and USD 85.09 per barrel in 2010-11. The Retail Selling Prices (RSPs) of Petrol and Diesel at Delhi were ₹ 47.93 per litre and ₹ 38.10 per litre respectively during 2009-10. The RSPs of Petrol and Diesel were ₹ 58.37 per litre and ₹ 37.75 per litre respectively during 2010-11.

- (b) The average price of Indian Basket of crude oil during 2015-16 was USD 46.17 per barrel. The RSPs of Petrol and Diesel were ₹ 59.68 per litre and ₹ 48.33 per litre respectively during 2015-16.
- (c) The average price of Indian Basket of crude oil in 2016-17 (upto 21.07.2016) is USD 44.05 per barrel. At present, the RSPs of Petrol and Diesel are ₹ 62.51 per litre and ₹ 54.28 per litre respectively.