

Corporation Limited (IOCL) have already implemented 111 recommendations, out of 113 recommendations. Ministry has been conducting review meetings to monitor the progress for expeditious implementation of recommendations of M.B. Lal Committee by OMCs. Due to persistent efforts, 98% of the recommendations have been complied with.

(e) Oil Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have been taking measures for preventing accidents in Oil Industry including Pipeline Integrity Management System. As per information provided by OISD, 28 accidents have occurred during last three years and the current year, due to reasons like equipment failure, violation of Standard Operation Procedure (SOP), lack of supervision etc.

#### **Fees deposit for LPG dealership**

2540. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that applicant for LPG dealership of various OMCs in rural areas against advertisement dated 28th October, 2016 are unable to deposit the required fee of ₹8000/- by bank draft, etc. only due to non-availability of banking facilities in rural areas as the result of demonetization;

(b) if so, whether last date for submission of application for the same has been/ would be extended for at least one month in view of huge rush in banks;

(c) if so, details thereof along with the corrigendum issued in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the difficulties faced by the applicants in depositing the required fee by Demand Draft/Pay Order.

(b) to (d) In view of the problems faced by the applicants in depositing the required fee by Demand Draft/Pay Order as a result of the non-availability of Banking facilities, the last date for submission of application for LPG distributorships in the State of Uttar Pradesh has been extended by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) from 28.10.2016 to 15.12.2016.

#### **Retail LPG dealers in the country**

2541. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of encouragement being given to the people to switch over from

firewood to LPG, whether Government has any plan to increase easy availability of LPG in the country;

(b) what action plan Government has formulated for increasing the number of dealers/distributors throughout the country to ensure that people does not have to fetch LPG cylinders from far off distances;

(c) the details of State-wise retail LPG dealers operational in the country; and

(d) how many more retail LPG dealers are likely to be appointed in 2016-17?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) In order to ensure availability and accessibility of LPG, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) appoint new LPG distributors based on market feasibility. Recently, the selection guidelines for LPG distributorship were modified by notifying Unified Guidelines for Selection of all types of LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Salient changes introduced through Unified Guidelines are as under:-

- (i) There will be four types of LPG distributorships, namely, Sheheri, Rurban, Gramin and Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak (DKV).
- (ii) Setting up of 'LPG Suvidha Kendra' in Durgam areas.
- (iii) Maximum age limit has been extended from 45 to 60 years.
- (iv) Educational qualification for all types of distributorships is made uniform and it will be 10th standard.
- (v) Provision for direct allotment of LPG distributorships to State Government agencies under 'DKV'.
- (vi) 33% reservation for women across all categories i.e. SC/ST/OBCs/General.
- (vii) Separate reservation of 3% for Divyang applicants across all categories i.e. SC/ST/OBCs/General.
- (viii) Computerised draw through online selection process for the Sheheri Vitraaks, Rurban and Rural (Gramin).

(c) State/UTs-wise details of LPG distributorships operational in the country as on 01.10.2016, are given in Statement (*See below*).

(d) Currently, selection and commissioning of new distributors is underway in more than 2300 locations. Further advertisement for 400 locations each in the States of UP and Odisha has been released by OMCs.

**Statement***Details of State/UTs-wise number of distributors as on 01-10-2016*

(Fig. in Nos.)

States/UT	LPG Distributorship
Chandigarh	27
Delhi	321
Haryana	438
Himachal Pradesh	162
Jammu and Kashmir	238
Punjab	737
Rajasthan	1046
Uttar Pradesh	2863
Uttarakhand	250
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5
Arunachal Pradesh	58
Assam	436
Bihar	1059
Jharkhand	390
Manipur	79
Meghalaya	49
Mizoram	54
Nagaland	59
Odisha	567
Sikkim	15
Tripura	59
West Bengal	952
Chhattisgarh	365
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2
Daman and Diu	3
Goa	51

State/UT	LPG Distributorship
Gujarat	752
Madhya Pradesh	1218
Maharashtra	1719
Andhra Pradesh	855
Karnataka	952
Kerala	584
Lakshadweep	1
Puducherry (Including Mahe)	23
Tamil Nadu	1147
Telangana	678
ALL INDIA	18214

#### **Demand of hydrocarbons**

2542. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that current demand of hydrocarbons is much more than domestic crude oil and natural gas production;
- (b) if so, the details of demand and supply of crude oil and natural gas production;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan under 'Make in India' programme to reduce the dependence of crude oil and natural gas from imports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Details of consumption of petroleum products and natural gas and production of crude oil and natural gas during 2015-16 to 2016-17 are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The roadmap for reduction of import of crude oil dependence by 10% by 2021-22 has been prepared which includes:—

- (i) Increasing production of oil and gas;
- (ii) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures;