

Sl. No.	State/UT	Connection released
12.	Gujarat	5,58,027
13.	Haryana	2,18,362
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1,449
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,36,545
16.	Jharkhand	91,148
17.	Karnataka	15,818
18.	Kerala	5,599
19.	Madhya Pradesh	16,51,685
20.	Maharashtra	3,55,782
21.	Manipur	22
22.	Meghalaya	0
23.	Mizoram	0
24.	Nagaland	0
25.	Odisha	5,78,904
26.	Puducherry	390
27.	Punjab	54,528
28.	Rajasthan	13,59,200
29.	Sikkim	0
30.	Tamil Nadu	1,64,310
31.	Telangana	20
32.	Tripura	0
33.	Uttar Pradesh	38,36,916
34.	Uttarakhand	65,662
35.	West Bengal	9,66,788
TOTAL		117,02,168

Passing benefit of fall in crude oil prices to consumers

†*231. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite sharp fall in the price of crude oil in international market, the benefit has not been passed on to the people of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of times when price drop was recorded in the last two years in international market and how many times Government reduced the rate of petrol and diesel in that ratio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The price of petroleum products is linked to the price of respective products in the international market. The prices of Petrol and Diesel have been made market determined by the Government effective 26th June, 2010 and 19th October, 2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on pricing of Petrol and Diesel in line with their international prices and other market conditions. Public Sector OMCs are at present applying Trade Parity Pricing methodology to compute the RSP. The element of excise duty which is specific in nature has been increased since November, 2014. Most of the State Governments have also increased VAT on Petrol and Diesel. After taking into account these factors, Public Sector OMCs have passed on major portion of the decrease in price to the consumers of Petrol and Diesel. Government continues to modulate the effective price to consumer for Subsidized Domestic LPG and Retail Selling Price (RSP) of PDS Kerosene. As per the Refinery Transfer Price (RTP) effective 1.12.2016, subsidy of ₹10.51 per litre on sale of PDS Kerosene and ₹151.29/cylinder (14.2 kg.) on Subsidized Domestic LPG is being provided to the consumers.

The prices of crude oil in the international markets fluctuate on daily basis depending on various factors, including demand and supply situation in the world. The price of Indian Basket of crude oil during November, 2014 and November, 2016 was \$ 61.21/bbl and \$ 44.46/bbl respectively. OMCs have reduced the prices of Petrol and Diesel 24 and 26 times respectively during the said period.

Production and import of gas for cooking purpose

†*232. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of gas used for cooking purpose which is produced in the country;

(b) the total annual requirement of gas in the country in cubic metres; and

(c) the total amount of gas being imported from foreign countries in cubic metres?

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