

- (i) Increasing production of oil and gas;
- (ii) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures;
- (iii) Giving thrust on demand substitution;
- (iv) Capitalizing untapped potential in biofuels and other alternate fuels/renewable;
and
- (v) Implementing measures for refinery process improvements.

Rules to boost piped gas consumption

127. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is proposing to boost the piped gas consumption in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to make the distribution companies attract to the policy of Government and expand their business;
- (c) the incentives being given to the distributors and the norms being relaxed to boost the consumption of pipeline gas in the urban areas; and
- (d) whether Government has incorporated any guidelines for allocation of gas made available to the local industries, power plants before exporting to far off places which incur heavy expense of transportation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) In order to boost the piped gas consumption, Government has given the highest priority in allocation of domestic gas (the cheapest gas available in country) for supply to households in the form of Piped Natural Gas [(PNG(D)] and transport segment in the form of Compressed Natural Gas [(CNG (T)] across the country. MoP&NG, under its guidelines dated 03.02.2014, 20.08.2014, 23.1.2015 and 08.6.2016, is meeting 100% gas requirement of PNG (Domestic) and CNG (Transport) segment of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks across the country including urban areas.

(d) At present, no domestic gas is being exported outside the country. However, the domestic gas is being supplied across the country to priority sectors like CNG (Transport) and PNG (Domestic), Fertilizer Sector, grid connected power plants, etc. as well as other sectors which includes local industries and power plants.