

**IOC's gas pipeline from Gujarat to Gorakhpur**

†926. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the project of Indian Oil Corporation Limited will be completed wherein a 1,987 km long pipeline has to be laid from the coastal area of Gujarat to Gorakhpur of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total expenditure to be incurred on this project, whether there is any permanent system available to ascertain the progress of this project from time-to-time; and

(c) total supply of LPG in lac tonnes annually will be made through this pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Expression of Interest for the Indian Oil Corporation's project for construction of a LPG pipeline from Kandla in Gujarat to Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh has been submitted to Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

(b) As per Indian Oil's proposal, the estimated cost of Kandla Gorakhpur LPG line is about ₹ 4300 Crore.

(c) As per Indian Oil's proposal, 30.84 lac metric tonnes per annum of LPG is envisaged for transportation through this pipeline.

**Check on increasing prices of petrol/diesel**

927. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current level of international product prices of petrol and diesel and Rupee-US dollar exchange rate warrant an increase in selling price of petrol and diesel;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to regulate the market and keep a check on increasing prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The prices of Petrol and Diesel were

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made market determined effective 26th June, 2010 and 19th October, 2014 respectively. Since then, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) take appropriate decision on price of these products in line with changes in the prices in international market and market conditions. Public Sector OMCs have reduced the price of Petrol and Diesel by ₹ 1.46 per litre and ₹ 1.55 per litre (excluding State VAT) respectively with effect from 16th November, 2016.

### Consumption of gas

†928. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) total consumption of gas during last three years and quantity of gas produced in the country and imported, out of said consumption of the gas;

(b) the basis on which prices of such two kind of gases *i.e.* one indigenously produced and the other imported are fixed;

(c) reasons for not fixing general prices for these gases and whether Government is aware of the fact that these kind of gases are provided to the industries in different States at considerable different prices; and

(d) whether Government earns a portion of its income from the indigenous production and sale of the gas, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The total quantity of gas produced, total gas consumption and gas imported in the country during the last three years is as under:

Year		2013-14 (in BCM)	2014-15 (in BCM)	2015-16 (in BCM)
(a)	Net Production	34.57	32.69	31.14
(b)	Sale by Producing Companies	28.98	26.78	25.31
	LNG import	17.73	18.54	21.31
(c)	Total Consumption (Net Sale + LNG Import)	46.71	45.32	46.62

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