

**Allocation of Natural Gas to Smart Cities of Rajasthan**

1733. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) why has the Central Government despite protest by the State Government of Rajasthan accorded approval to Cairn-ONGC-JV for export of gas from pipeline from Rajasthan Field to Palanpur, Gujarat;

(b) whether Government will allocate natural gas for the development of City Gas Distribution projects in smart cities *viz.*, Ajmer, Udaipur and Jaipur, which could be catered through Rajasthan Segment of GIGL Pipeline; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The contractor, while submitting Revised Field Development Plan (RFDP) of Raageshwari Deep Gas (RDG) field, had proposed to construct a 200 km. pipeline to Palanpur Gujarat as there was no gas demand centre and evacuation facility near Rajasthan block. However, RFDP was approved by the Management Committee excluding the Gas Export pipeline, considering the delivery point at Raageshwari Gas Terminal (RGT) within Contract area of the block.

(b) and (c) Government has given priority in allocation of domestic gas for development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects. GIGL is developing Mehsana-Bhatinda-Jammu-Srinagar Pipeline (MBJSPL) project of about 2100 km. length. This pipeline traverses through various states including Rajasthan. The scheduled date of completion is December, 2017. On completion of this pipeline and development of CGD network, domestic gas will be allocated to concerned authorised CGD entity for meeting the requirements of CNG-transport and PNG-domestic in the cities of Ajmer, Udaipur and Jaipur as per the prevailing policy.

**Increase in consumption of petrol/diesel**

†1734. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of petrol/diesel has recorded an increase upto 70 per cent in the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) if not, the quantity of consumption of petrol/diesel each year in the last three years; and

(d) the percentage of quantity of consumption of petrol/diesel required to be imported and the quantum thereof produced in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Consumption and percentage of growth of petrol and diesel during the last three years is given below:

(Million Metric Tonne)			
Product	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Petrol	17.1	19.1	21.8
Growth in % (with respect to last year)	8.8%	11.4%	14.5%
Diesel	68.4	69.4	74.6
Growth in % (with respect to last year)	-1.0%	1.5%	7.5%

Increase in consumption of petrol and diesel during the last few years is mainly due to increase in number of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers, increased commuting distances due to expanding urban areas, increased travel time due to congestion on urban roads, improved and growing highways, increased disposable incomes, enhanced economic activity and fall in prices.

(d) Details of production and import of petrol and diesel during the last three years are given below:

(Million Metric Tonne)				
Product	Production/ Import	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Petrol	Production	30.3	32.2	35.3
	Import	0.2	0.4	1.0
Diesel	Production	93.8	94.3	98.6
	Import	0.1	0.1	0.2

#### Increasing blending of ethanol with petrol

1735. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sharad Pawar panel has recommended to increase blending of ethanol with petrol to 5 per cent and CCEA last year has fixed the target at 10 per cent;