

Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) Programme, has built SPR facilities at three locations *viz.* Vishakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur with a total capacity of 5.33 MMT. On 25 January 2017, the Definitive Agreement on Oil Storage and Management was signed between Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Ltd. (ISPRL) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) of UAE for filling up one of the two caverns at Mangalore SPR facility. The other cavern at Mangalore has already been filled by Government.

(b) The Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Ltd. (ISPRL) which is the SPV for construction of SPR facilities invited preliminary Expression of Interest (EoI) from reputed international parties for filling up of Padur SPR facility.

(c) and (d) As per an Approach Paper prepared by a working group set up by the Ministry, in India, there is 63 days of existing storage based on estimated commercial reserve of crude oil, petroleum products and gas. The total 5.33 MMT reserve of Phase-I of the SPR Programme is currently estimated to supply approximately 10.5 days of India's crude requirement according to the consumption during 2015-16.

#### **Supply of PNG in Tamil Nadu**

765. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to provide PNG in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the action taken to introduce/provide PNG in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Authorization for City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network in a Geographical Area (GA) is awarded by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) to the entities subject to availability of natural gas and pipeline connectivity. Piped Natural Gas for domestic purposes forms part of City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network.

PNGRB has identified Krishnagiri, Nagapattinum, Thiruvarur, Cuddalore, Thiruvallur, Chennai, Madurai, Tuticorin, Vellore, Tiruvanamalli, Villuppuram, Sri Perambudur, Thanjuvur, Ramanathapuram, Pudukkottai, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Sivaganga, Tiruchirapalli, Dindigul, Coimbatore and Kancheepuram districts as probable Gas in the State of Tamil Nadu.