

The projected demand is monitored on a regular basis and necessary changes in the projections are made based on the prevailing sales trend, change in policies or any other factor which may influence the demand. Action is taken accordingly to meet any fluctuation in demand of LPG due to such factors.

#### **Policy for regional employment in ONGC**

4600. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes any policy for the regional employment in ONGC; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Recruitment in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) Limited is done in terms of ONGC Recruitment & Promotion Regulations, 1980. ONGC conducts its recruitment at two levels; centralized and on decentralized basis. For class-I posts, the recruitment is done on centralized basis. Class-II posts are filled only through promotion. Recruitment for class III and IV posts is decentralized and is done by various segments of ONGC by way of public notification.

#### **Identification of shale oil and gas reserves**

4601. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has carried out detailed studies through various national and international agencies for the identification of shale oil and gas reserves in the country;
- (b) if so, the potential of shale gas and oil in various part of the country;
- (c) how much success has been achieved so far by the various domestic and international companies engaged in exploration and exploitation of shale gas and oil in the country during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to discover more oil and gas reserves in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Shale Gas Resource Assessment in