

District/Local Authorities for fixing the retail (consumer) selling price of Kerosene in urban/semi urban and rural areas. The wholesale Dealer's Commission is fixed by concerned State/District/Local Authorities.

(c) The revision in Wholesale Dealers' Commission on Kerosene oil is assessed based on a review of the expenditure of Kerosene Dealers.

#### **Self dependency in petroleum products**

3154. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country spends lot on import of petroleum products;

(b) whether there is any plan by Government to be self dependent in petroleum products; and

(c) whether the country has found new sources through which the country can be self dependent in petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) As compared to the total consumption of 177.2 MMT of petroleum products during April, 2016 to February, 2017; import of petroleum products is 33.1 MMT at a value of ₹ 61624 crore (provisional).

(b) and (c) The measures being taken to reduce import dependency include promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures; giving thrust on demand substitution; capitalizing untapped potential in biofuels and other alternate fuels/renewables; and implementing measures for refinery process improvements.

#### **Ujjwala Plus Scheme**

3155. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector Oil Marketing Companies are in the process of floating a not-for-profit organisation to administer Government's Ujjwala Plus Scheme aimed to provide free LPG to those Below Poverty Line, left out in the 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census;

(b) whether donations to Ujjwala Plus Scheme by individuals and institutions will be eligible for tax deduction under section 80G of the IT Act; and

(c) whether unlike the PMUY, the Ujjwala Plus beneficiaries will have to pay for the LPG stove and refill?