

Exploration for oil and gas by PSUs in other countries

3807. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government owned PSUs in petroleum and gas sectors have developed expertise in exploration and refining of global standards;

(b) considering this advantage, in how many countries these PSUs have clinched contracts for exploration and/or refining of petroleum and gas products; and

(c) the details thereof including the financial benefits derived by these PSUs for the country in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Indian public sector Oil and Gas companies, in the recent years, have developed expertise designing and operating complex refineries of global standards. While these companies are not operating any refineries outside India, M/s Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) has been providing world class Project Monitoring and Consultancy (PMC) services for construction of new refineries, revamping and capacity enhancement of old refineries, including in Africa and Asian regions. The companies have also acquired technological capabilities in the field of Exploration and Production (E&P), including through tie ups with reputed international companies. Indian E&P companies have a total of 44 overseas exploratory blocks in 16 countries which are at various stages of exploration.

(c) Financial performance of Indian public sector oil and gas companies depends upon various techno-commercial considerations, prevailing crude oil and gas prices, foreign currency fluctuations and requirement for CAPEX in the producing and exploratory projects.

Monitoring mechanism for LPG distribution scheme

3808. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for the LPG distribution scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme; and

(c) the other initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) monitor the working of their LPG distributors.