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Preparations for introduction of BS-VI grade fuel by 2020

2051. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what plans Government is contemplating upon for introduction of BS-VI grade fuel in the country by 2020 to bring down the sulphur content substantially;

(b) whether it is a fact that the oil refineries would need huge investment to upgrade them to produce BS-VI grade fuel; and

(c) if so, what arrangements Government has made to make the required funds available to the refineries to adhere to the time-schedule for introduction of upgraded fuel by 2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Government has decided to introduce BS-VI grade fuel in the country *w.e.f* 01.04.2020.

(b) and (c) Requirements of funds for upgradation to BS-VI fuels has been estimated to be about ₹ 28750 crore which would be met by Oil PSUs from internal accruals and borrowings.

Shares of GSPC bought by ONGC

†2052. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has bought shares of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC);

(b) whether any due diligence was done by ONGC before this decision, if so, which was the agency which did the due diligence;

(c) what were the liabilities taken over by ONGC; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.