

**Land subsidence due to indiscriminate exploration in KG basin**

2055. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scientists of Geological Survey of India have submitted a report to Government that indiscriminate exploration of gas and oil in the Krishna-Godavari Basin is resulting in land subsidence in these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action on the report, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) In pursuance to order of High Court of Andhra Pradesh dated 29.06.2009, Ministry of Environment and Forest had constituted a sub-committee on exploration and development of drilling activities of oil and gas in Krishna Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh and to study the aspects of land subsidence. The committee concluded that there is no direct evidence available to the committee to indicate any land subsidence in the gas fields or adjoining areas in the K. G. Basin. Besides, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has carried out a geo-technical study of land subsidence in KG-Basin area through Delta Studies Institute (Visakhapatnam) which concluded that there is no substantial evidence to conclude that activities of ONGC are causing any disturbance.

**Expansion of energy outreach with Mauritius gas project**

2056. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India proposes to expand energy outreach with Mauritius gas project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India's largest liquid gas importer, Petro Net LNG will send a team for working out future course of action with authorities and stakeholders in Mauritius;

(d) whether India is considering to join the Mauritius Government's Vision 2030 to develop that nation as a regional hydrocarbon trading hub; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) During the recent

visit of Prime Minister of Mauritius, India and Mauritius discussed entire gamut of bilateral hydrocarbon engagement, including supply of petroleum products to Mauritius and cooperation in the LNG sector in Mauritius.

(c) A team from Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) visited Mauritius from 27-28 July, 2017 and discussed areas of cooperation between India and Mauritius in the LNG sector.

(d) and (e) During the Meeting between Prime Minister of Mauritius and Minister of State (I/C) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, both discussed 'Vision 2030' of Mauritius. MoS (I/C), MoPNG conveyed India's continued support to Mauritius in meeting its energy requirements.

### **Training centres to promote Ujjwala Scheme**

†2057. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing training through a number of training centres to promote the Ujjwala Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such training centres opened along with the number of people trained so far in the country, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) have reported that, they have sensitised their District Nodal Officers, Field Officers, LPG distributors and their staff regarding Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the enrolment process of the customers. Further, OMCs have conducted more than 47 thousand safety awareness programmes by organising safety clinics, Nukkad Nataks, Speciality/sports events etc. educating PMUY consumers on safe usage of LPG.

### **Monitoring of multiple LPG connections**

2058. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 74,000 LPG customers linked to 37,000 Aadhaar numbers indicating the existence of multiple connections;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.