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Development of JROs in Punjab

2193. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPC) on the development of Jubilee Retail Outlets (JROs) in Punjab;

(b) the total quantity of MS (Petrol)/HSD(Diesel) sold by IOC's and HPC's JROs and appointed labour contractors in the State;

(c) the number of complaints alleging irregularities in the functioning of IOC's and HPC's JROs in the State received by the Ministry since their commissioning, company-wise; and

(d) the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The total amount spent by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) on the development of Jubilee Retail Outlets (JROs) in the State of Punjab is Rs. 6.65 crore.

(b) The total quantities of MS(Petrol) and HSD (Diesel) sold by the JROs of the two companies in the State so far are 3,582 KL and 80,858 KL respectively.

(c) and (d) As reported by IOC and HPC, they have not received any complaint alleging irregularities in the functioning of their JROs in the State.

Expansion of GAIL'S pipeline network

2194. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) supplies natural gas through gas pipeline network in certain cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details of GAIL'S future expansion plan in city gas distribution business in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) GAIL supplies natural gas through gas

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