

Language diversity of employees in Ministry

139. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi, how many of these positions have been filled in as of 30 June, 2018; the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and what action is the Ministry taking in overcoming these problems; and

(b) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry headquarters in Delhi and what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The sanctioned strength of employees/staff for the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Headquarters in Delhi is 286 against which 208 employees/staff were in position as on 30.06.2018.

The recruitment to fill vacant positions is done by the Recruitment Agencies like UPSC/SSC as per the respective Recruitment Rules. The employees/staff in the Ministry are posted by various cadre controlling authorities including Department of Personnel and Training. Compiled information on mother tongue-wise break-up of employees is not maintained by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Steps to control rising petroleum prices

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

(a) whether the prices of petroleum products in the country including petrol and diesel have increased manifold in comparison to previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years including the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Central Government to contain the rising prices of petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Prices of petrol and diesel have been made market-determined