

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) India's fuel demand rose by 6.3% in November 2017 as compared to November 2016.

(b) The quantity of petrol sold in November, 2017 was 2125 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT) as compared to 2026 TMT sold in November, 2016.

(c) and (d) Domestic consumption of LPG has increased. The demand of LPG is met through domestic production and import.

Assessment of transportation and distribution of petroleum products

1377. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of transportation and distribution of petroleum products including gas cylinders; and

(b) whether Government is making any plans for transportation and distribution of petroleum products by other methods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) has informed that different modes of transportation are used for transporting petroleum products, which include road, rail, coastal and pipeline transportation. In a study conducted by PPAC with the relevant data obtained from refiners and Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), during the year 2016-17, the modal share of road, rail, coastal and pipeline in transportation of major petroleum products was approximately 2.6%, 35.1%, 32.0% and 30.6% respectively. Further, during this period, the share of various modes of transportation of bulk LPG moved in-land through pipeline, road and rail was approximately 29.10%, 58.5% and 12.3% respectively.

(b) and (c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has informed that no other mode of movement of petroleum products/LPG is planned beyond the above mentioned modes of transportation. However, they plan to maximize the movement through pipelines as the same is more safe, economical and environment-friendly mode of transportation.