

| Sl. No. | State/UT | Total of OMCS |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
| 26. | Orissa | 4 |
| 27. | Puducherry | 0 |
| 28. | Punjab | 3 |
| 29. | Rajasthan | 6 |
| 30. | Sikkim | 0 |
| 31. | Tamil Nadu | 0 |
| 32. | Telangana | 1 |
| 33. | Tripura | 0 |
| 34. | Uttar Pradesh | 80 |
| 35. | Uttarakhand | 0 |
| 36. | West Bengal | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 131 |

Unveiling of new Biofuel Policy

2198. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is in the process of unveiling a new Biofuel Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and salient features of the proposed policy;
- (c) the amount of money that the oil PSUs spent during the last three years on R&D on biofuels; and
- (d) whether Government is contemplating setting up of ethanol plants in various parts of the country so that public transport runs on biofuels, as has been done in Nagpur where 50 buses are already running on 100 per cent biofuels?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has circulated a draft "National Policy on Biofuels-2018" for inter-Ministerial consultation.

(c) During the period 2014-17, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(IOCL) have spent an amount of ₹ 58.13 crore towards research on alternative fuels.

(d) OMCs have entered into 6 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Technology providers and State Governments for setting up 2G Ethanol plants.

Sharing of Aadhaar data of LPG consumers for DBT in kerosene

2199. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) when does Government propose to share Aadhaar data of LPG consumers with State Governments for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in kerosene;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to share Aadhaar data of LPG consumers with the State Government for DBT in kerosene. DBT in kerosene is under implementation in the State of Jharkhand.

New LPG connections under instalments

2200. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is contemplating any scheme to provide new LPG connection to its customers on instalments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) on 01.05.2016. Under the Scheme, deposit free LPG connection is provided to the woman member of a BPL family with cash assistance upto ₹ 1600 per connection. The cost of first refill/hot plate is required to be borne by the beneficiary. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) provide interest free loan to the beneficiaries who opt for the loan and the same is recovered through the subsidy received upon purchase of refill(s) by the beneficiary.