

Introduction of BS-VI fuel

2201. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that BS-VI fuels can play a vital role in reducing vehicular pollution in cities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) by when the BS-VI fuel will be introduced all across the country including Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Reduction in sulphur content in BS-VI fuels to 10 ppm will help in reducing vehicular pollution in cities.

(b) Government has decided to implement BS-VI auto fuel norms in the entire country including Odisha w.e.f. 01.04.2020. Government has also decided to prepone the supply of BS-VI in NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 01.04.2018.

Subsidy under the PAHAL scheme

†2202. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that several consumers could not get the benefit of direct cash transfer under the PAHAL Scheme, if so, the State-wise number thereof;
- (b) the details of steps taken by Government to provide subsidy to such consumers;
- (c) the details of per annum total subsidy provided on domestic LPG from 2014 to 2017; and
- (d) the total revenue saved through decline in prices of crude oil at international level and subsidy being given on domestic LPG and 'Give it up' campaign along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Under the PAHAL scheme, LPG consumers, who join the scheme, get the LPG cylinders at non-subsidised price and receive LPG subsidy (as per their entitlement) directly into their registered bank account. As on 09.03.2018, 20.01 crore consumers have joined the Scheme and getting subsidy in their registered bank account.

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