

Implementation of MMABY by Karnataka

3800. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka is unilaterally implementing Mukhya Mantri Anila Bhagya Yojane (MMABY) much on the lines of the Centre's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) programme directly through the network of distributors without involving public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs);

(b) whether the Karnataka Government obtained the concurrence of Central Government and followed established modalities for implementing the Mukhya Mantri Anila Bhagya Yojane (MMABY) in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Government had 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 identified through Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) list 2011 with cash assistance upto ₹ 1600 per connection. As on 26.03.2018, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have released more than 9 lakh LPG connections under the Scheme in Karnataka. Government of Karnataka had intimated that they have designed a scheme namely, Mukhya Mantri Anila Bhagya Yojane (MMABY), to cover the families who are not covered under the ambit of PMUY. The MMABY Scheme envisaged release of LPG connections directly through the network of distributors without involving OMCs. The State Government of Karnataka was advised to implement this Scheme through OMCs only. But, no response was received from them

Exploration of new reserves of oil and gas

†3801. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the locations where new reserves of oil and gas have been explored during the financial year 2014-15 to January, 2018, the list thereof;

(b) the names of places where oil and gas reserves have been found;

(c) the quantum of oil and gas available in those reserves; and

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