

- (a) whether Government is planning to expand gas pipeline network to Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the cost to benefit ratio;
- (d) the details of total amount that would be invested for the network; and
- (e) by when the project will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There is no proposal before the Government to set up any gas pipeline network to Myanmar.

- (b) to (e) Question does not arise, in view of answer at (a) above.

Distribution of dealership of new petrol pumps

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SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the All India Petrol Dealers' Association (AIPDA) has moved court against Government's decision to distribute dealership of 55,000 new petrol pumps;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that about 80 per cent of the total Retail Outlets are under sales and the dealers are losing financially; and
- (d) if so, whether Government has any plan to compensate them or allow them to leave the dealership, by returning their assets?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have issued an advertisement to award new Retail Outlet dealerships on 25.11.2018. OMCs have informed that they are not aware of All India Petrol Dealers' Association (AIPDA) moving Court against the said advertisement released by the OMCs.

(c) and (d) OMCs have informed that they have factored in adequate returns in the Dealers' margin towards various costs and investments made by the dealers for running the dealership which increases with increase in the volume. Retail Outlet dealership is a business proposition and has normal business risks and does not guarantee any assured profits. The entrepreneur is expected to garner volume through various customer centric initiatives/service and increase the profitability.