

(c) PNGRB identifies the GAs for the development of CGD network depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and techno-commercial viability.

#### **Impact of US sanctions on oil imports from Iran**

284. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) quantum of crude oil imported from Iran during last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon as compared to other Middle-Eastern countries;

(b) whether Government has asked refiners to prepare for a drastic reduction or zero imports of oil from Iran on the call by the US for curtailing trade ties/stop crude oil import from Iran and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has asked refiners to find out alternative to oil from Iran and ensure energy security and also initiated negotiation with other countries for import of crude oil and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The details of quantum of crude oil (in MMT) imported from Iran and other Middle-East countries during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 is as below:

Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (MMT)
Iran	12.7	27.2	22.6
Total from Middle East countries	121.2	137.1	141.7

(b) Indian refineries import crude oil from diverse sources, including from Iran, depending on technical and commercial considerations. At a press conference on 5th November 2018, US Secretary of State announced exempting eight countries, including India, from US sanctions for importing crude oil from Iran.

(c) Indian Public Sector Refineries are diversifying their crude sources to strengthen India's energy security.

#### **Differences in price of petrol/diesel sold to other countries**

285. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government/Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are selling petrol and diesel at the rate less than half of the retail price in India to various countries, as per the RTI information;